



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

Amendments have been made to the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) allowing councils to meet remotely to assist them to manage the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus at their meetings and to ensure compliance with the Public Health Order. The amendments came into effect on 25 March 2020 and will operate for a period of six months, but may be extended to 12 months by regulation if required.

The amendment to the Act also provides that the requirement under section 10 for meetings to be open to members of the public is satisfied if a webcast of the meeting is made public. Accordingly this meeting will be livestreamed via council's Facebook page.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of Wentworth Shire Council will be held in the **VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**, commencing at **10.00AM**.

KEN ROSS
GENERAL MANAGER

ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

13 MAY 2020

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ADJOURNMENT TO CONDUCT PUBLIC FORUM

Recommendation

That the Ordinary Meeting of Council be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a public forum, noting that on this occasion the video conference will be continued in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

RECONVENE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Recommendation

That the Ordinary Meeting of Council be reconvened.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 22 April 2020 be confirmed as circulated.



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

22 APRIL 2020

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting and invited the General Manager to read announcements in relation to the webcasting of this meeting.

2 PRAYER OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer at 10.05am

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)
Councillor Tim Elstone (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Greg Evans
Councillor Steve Heywood
Councillor Jane MacAllister
Councillor Don McKinnon
Councillor Susan Nichols
Councillor Peter Nunan
Councillor Bill Wheeldon OAM

STAFF: Ken Ross (General Manager)
Matthew Carlin (Director Health and Planning)
Geoff Gunn (Director Roads and Engineering)
Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)
Paula Mastrippolito (Manager Organisational Support)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cr MacAllister advised that she had a Pecuniary Interest in items 12.2 and 12.4 because her partner is an employee of one of the tenderers.

The Mayor advised that she had a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 9.9 because a family member is the owner of a property listed in the Schedule of Determinations.

The Mayor advised that she had a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 12.3 because a family member is employed by one of the tenderers.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC FORUM

Glenis Beaumont has requested to address council in relation to item 9.2 – Proposal to Provide Medical Services to the Wentworth township.

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be adjourned for the purpose of conducting a Public Forum.

Moved Cr. Nunan , Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10.08am

At 10.08 am Glenis Beaumont addressed the meeting in relation to item 9.2 - Proposal to Provide Medical Services to the Wentworth township.

Presentation concluded at 10.12am

RESUMPTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Resolution

That the Ordinary Council meeting be reconvened.

Moved Cr.Nunan, Seconded Cr. Elstone

The Ordinary Council meeting was reconvened at 10.13am

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 March 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Council Resolution

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 18 March 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - SUMMARY REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/194

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

This report summarizes items raised from previous Council meetings that remain outstanding. Individual items that require detailed responses are reported separately.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the current list of outstanding items.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the current list of outstanding items.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/184

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Moved Cr. Hederics, Seconded Cr. Elstone

Carried.

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 FORMAL REQUEST OF A REVIEW OF GOL GOL SPEED ZONE

File Number: RPT/20/192

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Belinda Fitzgerald - Road Safety Officer

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

A meeting of the Local Traffic Committee was held on 13 February 2020 and the Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks resolutions of Council on a review of speed zones at Gol Gol.

Officer Recommendation

That Council requests a formal speed zone review by Transport for NSW of a 1.2km section of the Sturt Highway south east of the Gol Gol township, between Wilga Road and beyond Native Ridge Road.

Council Resolution

That Council requests a formal speed zone review by Transport for NSW of a 1.2km section of the Sturt Highway south east of the Gol Gol township, between Wilga Road and beyond Native Ridge Road.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

**8.2 REPORT FROM THE CARRAMAR DRIVE SPORTING COMPLEX USER
GROUP MEETING HELD TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2020**

File Number: RPT/20/168

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Barbara George - Administration Officer, Roads and Engineering

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.5 Encourage the self determination of individual townships and community groups

Summary

A meeting of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group was held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Councillors.

Recommendation

That Council notes the minutes of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the minutes of the Carramar Drive Sporting Complex User Group held on Tuesday 3 March 2020.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/185

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars
 - Details of OLG Circulars 20-07 to 20-11
2. Meetings

As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed
4. Other items of note

Recommendation

- 1) That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.
- 2) That Council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that amendment be made to the Local Government (General) Regulations to prescribe Wentworth Shire Council as a council that is eligible to conduct elections exclusively by postal voting from the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors, and
- 3) That Council, in accordance with section 310B(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, determines that voting at the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors be conducted exclusively by means of postal voting.

Council Resolution

- 1) That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.
- 2) That Council writes to the Minister for Local Government requesting that amendment be made to the Local Government (General) Regulations to prescribe Wentworth Shire Council as a council that is eligible to conduct elections exclusively by postal voting from the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors, and

- 3) That Council, in accordance with section 310B(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, determines that voting at the September 2021 ordinary election of councillors be conducted exclusively by means of postal voting.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9.2 PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO WENTWORTH TOWNSHIP

File Number: RPT/20/224

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services

Current References: Wentworth Doctors Proposal

Summary

The role of medical service provision is that of one shared between Federal and State Government. With Local Government being the closest link to our communities there is often a perceived concept that a Local Council should buy into the solution of medical services. This has been the case in recent times with Wentworth Shire Council previously entering into an agreement with Wentworth Family Doctors where financial support was provided on a service delivery model.

In October last year the agreement was questioned on the capacity of the Wentworth Family Doctor to uphold the obligation to provide the Wentworth Clinic with one EFT General Practitioner for 5 days per week. Subsequently the agreement was terminated and now the premises in Darling Street Wentworth is vacant, but partly furnished for the running of a medical practice.

Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) have both now provided Council with proposals to establish medical services within the township of Wentworth.

Whilst a level of detail is provided in this report, there are some aspects of the proposals which will require consideration in closed council.

Recommendation

That Council notes that proposals have been received from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) for the provision of medical services in the Wentworth township and that the confidential aspects of the proposal be considered in the closed session.

Council Resolution

That Council notes that proposals have been received from Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc. (WDCMC Inc.) and Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) for the provision of medical services in the Wentworth township and that the confidential aspects of the proposal be considered in the closed session.

Moved Cr. Elstone, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

9.3 2020 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

File Number: RPT/20/214

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change

Summary

The 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference is being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 with online delivery.

The theme of the conference is "*A Flood Resilient Australia: Transforming vision into action*"

Recommendation

That Council notes the report and determines whether to nominate a delegate(s) to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 online.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the report and nominates 6 delegates to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 online

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

9.4 CRITICAL WATER ADVISORY PANEL DELEGATES

File Number:	RPT/20/200
Responsible Officer:	Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division:	Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer:	Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant
Objective:	3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy:	3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council 20 November 2019, a resolution was carried nominating Councillor Nichols, MacAllister and the Director Roads and Engineering as the preferred delegates to represent the Wentworth Shire Council on the Barwon-Darling/Lower Darling Critical Water Advisory Panel.

Cr Nichols formally advised Council on 6 April 2020 that she would like to relinquish her position on this panel, and Council is therefore asked to consider nominating a replacement delegate.

Recommendation

That Council considers nominating a replacement delegate for the Critical Water Advisory Panel.

Council Resolution

That Council nominates Councillor Elstone as the replacement delegate for Cr Nichols on the Critical Water Advisory Panel.

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.5 STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NSW PUBLIC LIBRARIES

File Number: RPT/20/187

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Emma Holgate - Team Leader, Library Services

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
Strategy: 4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community

Summary

The NSW Public Libraries Association has requested the support of NSW councils in its advocacy to State Government to develop a sustainable funding model for NSW libraries.

Recommendation

1. That Council makes representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton (MP), in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.
2. That Council writes to the Premier and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model.
3. That Council takes a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.
4. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

Council Resolution

1. That Council makes representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton (MP), in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services.
2. That Council writes to the Premier and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model.
3. That Council takes a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries.
4. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9.6 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/193

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of March 2020 were \$725,992.12. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 73.34%. For comparison purposes 74.83% of the levy had been collected at the end of March 2019. Council currently has \$27,439,054.96 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

9.7 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/198

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 31 March 2020 Council had \$25,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$63,389.87 from its investments for the month of March 2020.

In March 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.58% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$15,958,611.36 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

9.8 MANAGING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FROM COVID-19

File Number: RPT/20/174

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

For Council to consider options for providing relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations experiencing hardship due to the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Recommendation

That Council approve the following measures to provide relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations suffering hardship as a result of the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19):

- 1) That under Section 5.3 of Council's Hardship policy, Council recognises COVID-19 as exceptional circumstances, allowing delegated Council Officers to enter into payment agreements with ratepayers for the payment of rates and charges due, including writing-off or reducing interest if the person complies with the agreement (Section 564 of the Local Government Act 1993)
- 2) The Council approves the modification of debt recovery procedures under Council's Debt Recovery Policy, as outlined below for the next 3 months:
 - a. not commence any new legal actions to recover unpaid debts
 - b. not action any notices of demand that have already been issued
 - c. continue to progress any claims already active in the court system until a judgement is completed
- 3) Note that Council has been required to cancel and refund hire fees and user charges for a range of Council's facilities as a result of the lock down measures in place as a result of COVID-19

Council Resolution

That Council approves the following measures to provide relief for ratepayers, businesses and organisations suffering hardship as a result of the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19):

- 1) That under Section 5.3 of Council's Hardship policy, Council recognises COVID-19 as exceptional circumstances, allowing delegated Council Officers to enter into payment agreements with ratepayers for the payment of rates and charges due, including writing-off or reducing interest if the person complies with the agreement (Section 564 of the Local Government Act 1993)

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- 2) The Council approves the modification of debt recovery procedures under Council's Debt Recovery Policy, as outlined below for the next 3 months:
 - a. not commence any new legal actions to recover unpaid debts
 - b. not action any notices of demand that have already been issued from the start of April 2020
 - c. continue to progress any claims already active in the court system until a judgement is completed
 - 3) Note that Council has been required to cancel and refund hire fees and user charges for a range of Council's facilities as a result of the lock down measures in place as a result of COVID-19

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

Cr Nichols requested that the Debt Recovery policy be brought back to council for review.

9.9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF MARCH 2020

File Number: RPT/20/212

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

At 10:49 am Mayor Hederics left the meeting as she had declared a pecuniary interest in this item, and Councillor Elstone assumed the Chair.

Summary

For the month of March 2020, a total of 21 Development Applications and five S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$2,825,301.00. This brings the year to date total to 33 Development Applications approved and 11 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$5,163,493.00.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of March 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Council Resolution

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of March 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Moved Cr. Evans, Seconded Cr. MacAllister

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : ***Clr.s Elstone, Evans, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Nunan and Wheeldon.***

Against the Motion: ***Nil.***

At 10:52 am Mayor Hederics returned to Council Chambers and resumed the chair

9.10 A52 NOB ROAD CLOSURE & REALIGNMENT (OPENING)

File Number: RPT/20/176

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Hilary Dye - Property and Land Tenure Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

Council has been approached by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road Pooncarie so they can extend their mining operation at Snapper Mines, Pooncarie.

The proposal consists closing off a section of the existing Nob Road, with a new realignment to the west and a new intersection into Roo Roo Road as shown in the plan attached (1).

Recommendation

That Council supports the proposal by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road and realign with a new opening to the west of the existing road and creating a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, and undertakes the necessary steps outlined in the report in order to comply with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993.

Council Resolution

That Council supports the proposal by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road and realign with a new opening to the west of the existing road and creating a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, and undertakes the necessary steps outlined in the report in order to comply with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993.

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

9.11 WENTWORTH LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 - PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR RECREATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE ZONES IN WENTWORTH

File Number: RPT/20/201

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Michele Bos - Strategic Development Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities

Summary

Wentworth Shire Council resolved to submit a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment for consideration of a Gateway Determination, at its Ordinary Meeting 16 October 2019.

A Gateway Determination to proceed was received from the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment dated 28 November 2019. The Gateway to proceed was subject to conditions, all of which have been satisfied.

This report seeks Council's endorsement to refer the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment requesting that a draft LEP be prepared, Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and plan be made, to allow for finalisation and notification of the amendment on the legislative website.

Recommendation

- a) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, by rezoning the subject sites to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure zones to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces requesting that, as Council does not have plan making delegations, a draft LEP be prepared and Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and authority is given to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to make the plan, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Council Resolution

- a) That Council submits the Planning Proposal to amend the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011, by rezoning the subject sites to RE1 Public Recreation, RE2 Private Recreation and SP2 Infrastructure zones to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces requesting that, as Council does not have plan making delegations, a draft LEP be prepared and Parliamentary Counsel Opinion be sought and authority is given to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to make the plan, in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- b) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Elstone

CARRIED

In accordance with Section 375A of the Local Government Act the Mayor called for a division.

For the Motion : *Clr.s Elstone, Evans, Hederics, Heywood, MacAllister, McKinnon, Nichols, Wheeldon, and Nunan.*

Against the Motion: *Nil.*

9.12 DRAFT BURONGA GOL GOL STRUCTURE PLAN 2020

File Number: RPT/20/177

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Paul Amoateng - Development Services Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
Strategy: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

Summary

Council's Health and Planning Division has prepared a draft structure plan for the townships of Buronga and Gol Gol (Buronga Gol Gol).

The draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan (BGGSP) provides strategic land use framework to facilitate quality and sustainable urban development in the Buronga Gol Gol area by setting out what, when, where and how land use and infrastructure development should occur.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation for a period of 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.

Council Resolution

That Council endorses the draft Buronga Gol Gol Structure Plan for community consultation for a period of 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood

CARRIED

9.13 WORKS REPORT UPDATE - MARCH 2020

File Number: RPT/20/195

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

This report provides a summary of the major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Division which have been completed during the month of March 2020 and the planned works for April 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the major works undertaken for March 2020 and the proposed works for April 2020.

Council Resolution

That Council notes the major works undertaken for March 2020 and the proposed works for April 2020.

Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**10.1 DARETON TOWN PLAN**

Cr Peter Nunan asked about the progress with the Dareton Town Plan

The Director Roads and Engineering advised that no further work had been undertaken.

10.2 DARETON MAIN STREET LIGHTS

Cr Don McKinnon asked why there are still no lights in the main street of Dareton.

10.3 RECOMPENSE FOR LAND USE

Cr Bill Wheeldon asked about the transmission line that is going to go through the Wentworth Shire, and whether council would be recompensed for the use of its land.

10.4 POWER UPGRADES AT THE WENTWORTH CARAVAN PARK

Cr Steve Heywood asked about the progress with the power upgrades and the Wentworth Caravan Park and why there continues to be delays.

The Director Finance and Policy advised the Essential Energy has signed off on the scope of works and an indicative cost has been provided and that we are now waiting for Essential Energy to sign off on the detailed design.

10.5 BURONGA WETLANDS

Cr Susan Nichols asked whether a solid base could be put under the water tap at the Buronga Wetlands so that trucks filling with water do no damage the ground underneath.

10.6 TOUR OF THE SHIRE

Cr Susan Nichols requested that a tour of the projects undertaken be arranged for councillors once the COVID 19 restrictions are lifted so that all councillors can see the progress with works around the shire.

10.7 PROGRESS WITH THE MURRAY STREET DEVELOPMENT

Cr Susan Nichols asked about the progress with the Murray Street Development

The General Manager advised that contracts are due to be signed shortly to allow the ownership and occupancy of the site to be transferred to the developer. Drainage and stormwater works at the site are being addressed.

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

12.1 Farm Stay Accommodation 83 Williams Road Curlwaa. (RPT/20/202)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12.2 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Placement of Plan 517 - 7500KG Flat Bed Truck. (RPT/20/190)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.3 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 67 - 4 to 5 Tonne Rubber Traction Mini Excavator. (RPT/20/191)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.4 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 527 - Single Axle Tip Truck. (RPT/20/196)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.5 Plant Replacement - Approval of Tenders for Replacement of Plant 309 - 4x4 Long Wheel Single Cab Utility. (RPT/20/197)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the

Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the tender outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because disclosure of this information would reveal pricing and confidential information submitted via the tender process which if disclosed would prevent council from achieving its 'value for money' objectives.

12.6 Wentworth Doctors Proposal. (RPT/20/216)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

Move into Closed Session

That Council adjourns into a closed session, that the recording of the meeting be paused, that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the closed session, and that access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the closed session be with-held unless declassified by separate resolution.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Heywood

The meeting was adjourned into the closed session at 11.30am

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 12.28pm

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

At the Mayor's request the General Manager reported on the following items from the Closed session of Council.

12.1 FARM STAY ACCOMODATION 83 WILLIAMS ROAD CURLWAA

File Number: RPT/20/202

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning
Responsible Division: Health and Planning
Reporting Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Council resolved to note a confidential update in relation to the property.

12.2 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR PLACEMENT OF PLAN 517 - 7500KG FLAT BED TRUCK

File Number: RPT/20/190

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Council resolved to accept the tender from Mildura Truck Centre for the supply of one Isuzu NPR 75-190 for the sum of \$130,142.10 inc GST, and accept the trade price of \$9,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned 2006 Isuzu NPR 300, plant item 517 with a changeover price of \$121,142.10 inc GST

12.3 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 67 - 4 TO 5 TONNE RUBBER TRACTION MINI EXCAVATOR

File Number: RPT/20/191

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Council resolved to accept the tender from Tutt Bryant for the supply of one Yanmar Vi050-6BC Excavator for the sum of \$106,700.00 inc GST, and accept the trade price of

\$22,000.00 inc GST for the Council owned 2007 Caterpillar 304 CCR Mini Excavator, plant item 67 with a changeover price of \$84,700.00 inc GST.

12.4 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 527 - SINGLE AXLE TIP TRUCK

File Number: RPT/20/196

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Council resolved to accept the tender option 2 from Johnson's Trucks for the supply of one Hino FG 1628 Medium for the sum of \$153,500.00 inc GST & accept the trade offer of \$22,000 inc GST from Mildura Truck Centre for Council owned Isuzu registration BR44WN.

2.5 PLANT REPLACEMENT - APPROVAL OF TENDERS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PLANT 309 - 4X4 LONG WHEEL SINGLE CAB UTILITY

File Number: RPT/20/197

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering
Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering
Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Council resolved to accept the tender from Pioneer Ford for the supply of one Ford PX3 Ranger Single cab/Chassis for the sum of \$57,883.00 incl. GST, and accept the trade price of \$30,000.00 incl. GST for the Council owned Toyota Work Mate, plant item 309 with a changeover price of \$27,883.00 incl. GST.

12.6 WENTWORTH DOCTORS PROPOSAL

File Number: RPT/20/216

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest
Strategy: 2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services
Current References: Proposals to provide medical services to Wentworth township

- 1) Council resolved to advise the Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc.
- a. that Council is supportive of the intentions of the group;
 - b. that the register of interest in the nominated building infrastructure is acknowledged;
 - c. that at this point in time Council is not in a position to provide a building for their nominated purpose without the input of other Health agencies in relation to the Sustainable Wentworth Health Precinct infrastructure
 - d. that as the Wentworth Health Precinct planning progresses that they are invited to be involved as an interested party

and

- 2) Council further resolved to advise Coomealla Health Aboriginal Corporation
- a. that Council is supportive of the Wentworth Medical Clinic Business Plan;
 - b. that Council procure equipment for the establishment of the Wentworth Medical Clinic to the value of \$37,500 from this financial year's budget when the clinic has confirmed an opening date;
 - c. that Council allocate \$37,500 per annum for the next three years to assist in the operational expenditure for the running of the Wentworth Medical Clinic.

13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 12.33pm

NEXT MEETING

13 May 2020

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CHAIR

6 OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 OUTSTANDING ITEMS - SUMMARY LIST

File Number: RPT/20/310

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Paula Matrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The Outstanding Actions report provides details of activities raised at previous Council meetings that remain outstanding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the list of outstanding action items.

Additional Information

Nil

Attachments

1. Outstanding items list [↓](#)

Outstanding

Division: Committee: Ordinary Council Officer:			Date From: Date To: Printed: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 2:13:12 PM		
Outstanding Action Items Report					
			Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Elstone	<u>CARRIED</u>	20 Apr 2020 Reason: Subject to water flow in the river
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	8.1	Formal Request of a Review of a Gol Gol Speed Zone	<u>Council Resolution</u> That Council requests a formal speed zone review by Transport for NSW of a 1.2km section of the Sturt Highway south east of the Gol Gol township, between Wilga Road and beyond Native Ridge Road. Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Heywood	<u>CARRIED</u>	
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	9.3	2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference	<u>Council Resolution</u> That Council notes the report and nominates 6 delegates to attend the 2020 Floodplain Management Australia National Conference being held from 20 May to 21 May 2020 online Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nichols	<u>CARRIED</u>	
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	9.4	Critical Water Advisory Panel Delegates	<u>Council Resolution</u> That Council nominates Councillor Elstone as the replacement delegate for Cr Nichols on the Critical Water Advisory Panel. Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans	<u>CARRIED</u>	28 Apr 2020 - 5:06 PM - Gayle Marsden CWAP advised Cr Elstone is new delegate - Action Completed
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	9.5	State Government Funding for	<u>Council Resolution</u>		

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Outstanding Action Items Report			
	NSW Public Libraries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council makes representation to the local State Member, Helen Dalton (MP), in relation to the need for a sustainable state funding model for the ongoing provision of public library services. 2. That Council writes to the Premier and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bi-partisan support for Consumer Price Index (CPI) indexation of state funding for NSW public libraries, as well as legislation of all elements of the 2019-20 to 2022-23 NSW state funding model. 3. That Council takes a leading role in lobbying for sustainable state government funding for libraries. 4. That Council endorses the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association NSW library sustainable funding advocacy information in Council libraries, as well as involvement in any actions proposed by the Association. <p>Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Heywood</p> <p><u>CARRIED</u></p>	
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	9.10 A52 Nob Road closure & realignment (opening)	<p><u>Council Resolution</u></p> <p>That Council supports the proposal by Tronox Holdings to close a section of Nob Road and realign with a new opening to the west of the existing road and creating a new intersection into Roo Roo Road, and undertakes the necessary steps outlined in the report in order to comply with the requirements of the Roads Act 1993.</p> <p>Moved Cr. Heywood, Seconded Cr. Evans</p> <p><u>CARRIED</u></p>	
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	10.2 Dareton main street lights	Cr Don McKinnon asked why there are still no lights in the main street of Dareton.	

Outstanding Division: Ordinary Council Committee: Officer: Outstanding Action Items Report Date From: Date To: Printed: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 2:13:12 PM			
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	10.3	<i>Recompense for land use</i>	Cr Bill Wheeldon asked about the transmission line that is going to go through the Wentworth Shire, and whether council would be recompensed for the use of its land.
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	10.5	<i>Buronga Wetlands</i>	Cr Susan Nichols asked whether a solid base could be put under the water tap at the Buronga Wetlands so that trucks filling with water do no damage the ground underneath.
Ordinary Council 22/04/2020	10.6	<i>Tour of the Shire</i>	Cr Susan Nichols requested that a tour of the projects undertaken be arranged for councillors once the COVID 19 restrictions are lifted so that all councillors can see the progress with works around the shire.
			28 Apr 2020 - 5:07 PM - Gayle Marsden To be planned after COVID -19 restrictions lifted

7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS

7.1 MAYORAL REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/228

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of meetings, conferences and appointments undertaken by the Mayor for the period 11 April 2020 – 01 May 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained in the Mayoral report.

Report

The following table lists the meetings attended by the Mayor for the period (11 April 2020 – 01 May 2020)

Date	Meeting	Location
14 Apr 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Buronga
20 Apr 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Buronga
22 Apr 2020	Council Meeting	Video Conference
28 Apr 2020	Internal Audit & Risk Committee	Video Conference
28 Apr 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Wentworth

Attachments

Nil

8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8.1 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION (MDA) DELEGATES REPORT APRIL 2020

File Number: RPT/20/249

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
 Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

At the 20 April 2020 Murray Darling Association (MDA) Board meeting it was resolved that a monthly Delegate's Report be forwarded to all member Councils & delegates.

The item of note from the most recent meeting (board meeting 396) report is that Wentworth Shire Council has been awarded the Region 4 hosting rights for the 2021 National Conference, the date of which is yet to be determined.

There is also a call for motions for the Murray Darling Association AGM.

Recommendation

1. That Council notes the Delegate's Report for April 2020 from the Murray Darling Association, and notes that Wentworth Shire will be hosting the 2021 National Conference.
2. That Council formalises motions for submission to the Murray Darling Association AGM.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the activities for April 2020, and to call for motions for the AGM, of the Murray Darling Association of which Council is member.

Background

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) is Australia's peak body representing local government across the Murray-Darling Basin. Wentworth Shire Council is part of MDA Region 4 and Cr MacAllister is the Chair of Region 4.

Report Detail

The attached report gives detail of the activities of the MDA for April 2020. The MDA has also called for motions for the AGM to be held 24 July 2020. It is requested motions be received by 9 June 2020.

Attachments

1. MDA Delegate's Report April 2020 [↓](#)

MDA Delegate's Report for tabling at council

April 2020



The Murray Darling Association (MDA) is Australia's peak body representing local government across the Murray-Darling Basin. The following delegate's report provides a detailed report for tabling at council, including a summary of MDA Board Meeting 396, MDA reports, CEO's report, region meetings and the latest edition of the Basin Bulletin.

1. MDA Board Meeting 396

The Murray Darling Association held its Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting 396 on Monday 23rd March 2020. The minutes are now available [here](#).

Key motions include:

Motion 5.3: That the Board award Region 4 hosting right for the 2021 National Conference to Wentworth Council on a date to be determined by agreement

J Campbell/ B Lockyer Carried

Carried

Motion 5.4: That the MDA:

1. a) Postpone the 76th National Conference currently scheduled
2. b) Monitor closely Departmental advice around the COVID-19 developments and provide updates
3. c) Notify Stakeholders

J MacAllister / M Rebbeck

Carried

2. Communication reports

The following reports have been prepared for MDA members and the board throughout March.

Date	Report No	Topic	Author	Approved
03/03/2020	03032020	Inquiry into the Management of MDB Water Resources. Shepparton	Gemma Wilson	E. Bradbury
24/02/2020	(TSB024/20)	Basin Community Leadership Program MDBA & Water NSW	Tony Banks	E. Bradbury
16/03/2020	(TSB025/20)	MDA Strategic Planning Workshop Delegates Report	Emma Bradbury	E. Bradbury
18/03/2020	18032020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy Meeting	James Marshall	E. Bradbury

3. CEO's Report

During the past few months, the MDA's Chief Executive Officer Emma Bradbury has actively engaged with state and federal government representatives on advocacy and information sharing on behalf of the MDA membership. This includes meetings with:

- The Hon Minister Keith Pitt, Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia and Advisors Craig Bradley & Marcus Finn**
 Brief introduction to Minister Keith Pitt. Advised of MDA key message that NSW WRP's need to be completed. Also spoke to looking beyond 2024 to Basin Plan 2. Discussed economic diversification, connecting communities and catchments and invited to attend BCLP.
- Adam Obeid – Policy Advisor to the Hon Anthony Lynham – Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy David Wiskar - Executive Director – Water Policy Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy**
 Teleconference to discuss Queensland's management of current inflows and position regarding feasibility of proposed river diversion scheme.
- Nicole Emara – CSIRO**
 Discussion regarding collaboration with CSIRO on the development of Australia's National Outlook: Murray-Darling Basin and progression of Relationship Agreement
- Scott Keyworth – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment**
 General discussion regarding development and release of measurement policy and how-to best support NSW to complete their WRP's.

For more information, a comprehensive CEO's report is available [here](#).

4. Region Meetings

Region meetings are an important platform for Basin communities to collaborate and work together within and across their regions. The following region meetings were held throughout the March – April 2020 period:

Region	Meeting Type	Date	Minutes
Region 4	Ordinary Meeting	10 March 2020	Available here
Region 5	AGM and Ordinary Meeting	16 March 2020	Available here
Region 9	Ordinary Meeting	23 March 2020	Available soon.

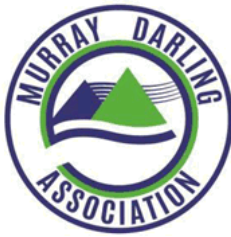
5. Basin Bulletin Issue 32 – March Newsletter

The MDA publishes the Basin Bulletin newsletter monthly. This month's newsletter (Issue 32) included the following stories:

- MDA COVID-19 updates, including postponement of the MDA 76th National Conference and Basin Communities
- An update on the MDA Strategic Workshop and links to presentations
- Basin News Snapshot – round-up of the latest Basin news

Basin Bulletin Issue 32 can be accessed [here](#).

To receive the next edition of the Basin Bulletin, please register on the MDA website (www.mda.asn.au) or [email](#) MDA Comms and Engagement Officer Jess to request to be added to the distribution list.



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Ordinary Meeting of the Board Meeting 396 Monday 23rd March 2020

MINUTES - MEETING No. 396

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Meeting open at 1.00pm

Cr David Thurley	Albury City Council	Region 1
Cr Dennis Patterson	City of Greater Shepparton	Region 2
Cr Melissa Rebbeck	Alexandrina Council	Region 6
Cr Brian Lockyer	Barunga West Council	Region 8
Cr Paul Maytom	Leeton Shire Council	Region 9
Cr Jane MacAllister	Wentworth Shire Council	Region 4
Cr John Campbell	Gunnedah Council	Region 11
Cr Richard Marsh	Balonne Shire Council	Region 12
Emma Bradbury	MDA	CEO
Tony Banks	MDA	Executive
Jessica Maher	MDA	Minute Taker

1.2 Apologies:

Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council	Region 5
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council	Region 10
Pete George	M&S Group	Treasurer

Motion: That apologies be accepted and noted.

B Lockyer / D Patterson

Carried

1.3 Declarations

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 [Meeting 395](#) held via Zoom Calendar Monday 17th February 2020

Motion: That the minutes of board meeting 395 are approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

J Campbell / B Lockyer

Carried

3. REPORTS

3.1 [Chairman's report](#)

D Thurley provided a brief summary of the chairman's report, including events such as the recent Region 1 meeting, and his attendance at the Interim Inspector-General's consultation in Albury.

3.2 [Finance Report:](#)

E Bradbury provided a finance report, on behalf of P George, MDA Treasurer.

E Bradbury noted that the financial reports will look different next month given there have been significant adjustments last week due to BCLP reassignments. E Bradbury said that based on the original reports as attached, the balance sheet remains healthy in terms of cash.

E Bradbury also noted that the MDA's new end of financial year is March 31.

3.3 [Chief Executive Officers report](#)

In addition to the CEO's report, E Bradbury provided an update to the board in terms of COVID-19 and its impacts on the MDA.

E Bradbury noted that the staff are working hard to develop and put in place continuity plans, communications and strategies for developments in this situation. E Bradbury emphasised that as a first principle, the MDA's priority is to ensure continuity of service and employment.

E Bradbury also noted that the MDA will be well placed in the recovery process for Basin communities, and assisting the government on supporting communities in the Basin through the MDA's extensive network.

D Patterson noted that one of the impacts of COVID-19 may be that some councils will struggle to pay for the membership fees, and this is something that the MDA needs to be mindful of.

E Bradbury concluded that the MDA's strategy for financial continuity will definitely take into account that membership fees will be impacted

3.4 [Region reports](#)

Region 4

Cr Jane MacAllister: *The water as you may well know has made its way to Menindee, lots of excitement from small towns that haven't seen water for some time. The lower darling remains dry. A lot of irrigators down there have grapes that are just about ready to be harvested and don't want nasty water to get sucked up through their pumps and have irrigation impacted. A lot of concern in the community about whether management of that water was the same as it was last time. The next lot of chatter now is whether sufficient water will arrive via the lower darling and whether it would activate water allocations for general security in the lower basin. We're having weekly water critical advisory group meetings. We had a council meeting and it was probably our last one face to face. Trying to work out what we can continue with council services, and keeping abreast of what is happening in the water space.*

Region 8

Cr Brian Lockyer: *Due to all of the recent announcements, a lot of the events have been cancelled or deferred in our region. At this stage, our next region 8 meeting will be done 3rd or 4th of May but we're not clear yet if it will go ahead or how.*

Motion: That the reports are noted.

J MacAllister / P Maytom

Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE**4.1 Correspondences Out**

- 4.1.1 NSW Water Management [Minister Pavey](#)
- 4.1.2 NSW Water Management [Minister Pavey](#)
- 4.1.3 NSW Water Management [Media Release](#)
- 4.1.4 Canberra Visit 26 – 27 February 2020
 - 4.1.4.1 [Communication report](#)
 - 4.1.4.2 [Correspondences](#) Combined
- 4.1.5 National Conference [Notification of change of date letters](#)

4.2 Correspondences In

- 4.2.1 National Water Infrastructure – feasibility investment [The Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP](#)
- 4.2.2 MDBA Chair [Correspondence](#) Combined Minister Pavey and Minister Neville

M Rebbeck noted that the draft report of the Independent Assessment of Social and Economic Conditions report has been released and expressed that MDA and its regions should do their best to provide feedback and comments on this.

Motion: That the Board received correspondence.

J Campbell / P Maytom

Carried

5 BUSINESS ARISING**5.1 Review of actions table**

[MDA Matters in Progress](#) arising from previous Meetings

Board will review the motions arising and actions completed from previous board meetings in more detail at Board Meeting 397.

5.2 Strategic Workshop Priorities

The 3 top priorities identified for the MDA at the Strategic Workshop on 12th & 13th March 2020 in Moama were:

1. Development and production of **Membership Tools and Services**.
2. Implementation of **Strategic Projects, Initiatives and Programs** within the wider MDB Footprint.
3. Establishment of the **Murray-Darling Basin Local Government Centre of Excellence**.

The updated Strategic Plan 2020 – 2024 will be presented to the Board for consideration at the April 2020 Board Meeting.

E Bradbury provided further updates to the board about advice from the MDA's strategic advisory group, which included aligning our strategic plan with our the NSW framework.

M Rebbeck noted her region's concern regarding the strategic priorities, and sought more opportunities to give further feedback.

D Thurley strongly encouraged board members to send any further comments and suggestions to the MDA executive as soon as possible.

J MacAllister reflected on the strategic workshop and recommended that Bob Stewart be approached to join the Strategic Advisory Group.

E Bradbury agreed, and recommended that J MacAllister propose a motion recommending B Stewart.

Motion: That the CEO approach Bob Stewart to join the advisory group.

J MacAllister / D Thurley

Carried

5.3 2021 National Conference and AGM

In 2019 the Greater City Shepparton Council and the Wentworth Council submitted competitive tendered applications to hold the 2020 National Conference, with GCSC awarded with the hosting rights for 2020. There has been growing support for Region 4 to hold the upcoming 2021 National Conference and AGM with Wentworth Council being the ideal host.

Motion: That the Board award Region 4 hosting right for the 2021 National Conference to Wentworth Council on a date to be determined by agreement

J Campbell/ B Lockyer

Carried

5.4 2020 National Conference

Considering the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis and rapidly changing circumstances, we are unable to predict whether we will be able to proceed with the 76th National Conference in Shepparton, July 22nd, 23rd and 24th as initially planned. We are closely monitoring Departmental advice around the COVID-19 developments.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced (18/03/2020)

"Indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are banned but schools, universities, airports, public transport, medical and emergency services facilities, aged care homes, jails, courts, parliaments, supermarkets and many workplaces are exempt"

1. The MDA staff will provide updated communication reports weekly based on the best available advice.
2. A decision to proceed or cancel this event will be made by the Board at the appropriate time.

Motion: That the MDA:

- a) Postpone the 76th National Conference currently scheduled
- b) Monitor closely Departmental advice around the COVID-19 developments and provide updates
- c) Notify Stakeholders

J MacAllister / M Rebbeck

Carried

5.5 The Murray Darling Local Government Association

The Strategic Advisory Committee have considered a range of options for naming conventions of the MDA. Ministerial approval and registration of the name Murray Darling Local Government Association occurred in 2019 pending further consultation prior to use or adoption. General discussion agreed that the entitlement and responsibility afforded as a registered Local Government Association aligns with the priorities identified in consultation for the 2020 - 2024 MDA Strategic Plan.

Motion: That the Murray Darling Association

- i) Maintain registration of the name Murray Darling Local Government Association as approved.
- ii) Continue to trade as the Murray Darling Association.

M Rebbeck / J MacAllister

Carried

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 MDA Communication Reports

Date	Report No	Topic	Author	Approved
03/03/2020	03032020	Inquiry into the Management of MDB Water Resources. Shepparton	Gemma Wilson	E. Bradbury
24/02/2020	(TSB024/20)	Basin Community Leadership Program MDBA & Water NSW	Tony Banks	E. Bradbury
16/03/2020	(TSB025/20)	MDA Strategic Planning Workshop Delegates Report	Emma Bradbury	E. Bradbury
18/03/2020	18032020	Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy Meeting	James Marshall	E. Bradbury

J MacAllister noted a minor correction for the "Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy Meeting" Report and updated the board that she will through her notes for circulation.

M Rebbeck noted that she spoke to T Banks regarding BCLP and the impacts of COVID-19.

T Banks provided an update to the board regarding BCLP and continuity planning.

7. CLOSE at 2.01pm



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MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

COMMUNICATION REPORT

TOPIC / ISSUE: *Inquiry into management of Murray-Darling Basin water resources*
Town Hall Session - Shepparton RSL

DATE: 3 March 2020

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION: ☒ MDA Board Members
☐ Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
☐ Internal MDA Officers

EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTION: **Confidential – no further release**

ENCLOSURES / ATTACHMENTS: ☒ Yes ☐ No

REPORT OUTCOMES: ☒ For Information / Awareness ☐ Potential Action Items
☐ Guidance Requested ☐ Decision Requested
☐ Recommendations Included

Purpose

To inform the board members and nominated officers of the **MDA's attendance** at the Interim Inspector-General's **"Inquiry into management of Murray-Darling Basin water resources"** town hall session in Shepparton on the 27th February 2020.

Executive Summary

The Interim Inspector-General Mick Keelty AO is currently undertaking an inquiry into the management of Murray-Darling Basin water resources, at the request of the Hon David Littleproud MP, former Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management.

Consultation is currently in progress. Although the online feedback period has closed, the Interim Inspector General and his office are currently holding a series of Town Hall sessions across the Basin.

Jess Maher, Cathy Keegan and Gemma Wilson attended the Town Hall session in Shepparton on Thursday 27th February 2020.

Background

As per the previous meeting attended by MDA CEO Emma Bradbury on Thursday 23rd January 2020 in Deniliquin (attached), the Inspector-General is consistent in his messaging regarding the inquiry.

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The inquiry is in relation to the water sharing agreement between the basin states – NSW, VIC & SA. It is not about the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. It will look at water inflows, impact on the agreements when the inflows don't match, and the potential opportunities for enhancement.

Inspector General Keelty re-iterated the following questions he is asking.

- Where is the single source of information for the Basin?
- Is the Ministerial Council agile and responsive enough to meet AND act when crisis/events occur e.g. St George flooding?
- How do river operators and the MDBA account for spills? Can it be credited back to the environment?
- Why is there no consistency with laws and licences between the states?

Observations

Around 150 people attended the meeting.

Questions from the floor came from a range of parties – Irrigators, farmers, local MPs, dairy industry.

Concerns/questions:

- Riverbank erosion – caused by environmental water
- Total amount of allocations needs to be recalculated by MDBA
- When will the outcomes of the inquiry be acted on?
- Water needs to be treated like other commodities
- Flood plain harvesting
- Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder – can they release water in critical times?

Gemma Wilson

Grants and Policy Officer
Murray Darling Association Inc.

Attachment:

1. 200123 - Inquiry into management of Murray-Darling Basin water resources - MDA - Communication Report



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MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

COMMUNICATION REPORT

TOPIC / ISSUE:	<i>Stakeholder Meeting – MDBA & Water NSW Representatives</i> Basin Communities Leadership Program	
DATE:	Monday, 24 FEB 2020	
INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> MDA Board Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Executive Officer (CEO) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal MDA Officers	
EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:	Nil Identified at time of release. <i>(At CEO discretion thereafter)</i>	
REFERENCES:	A. MDA – BCLP (Water Literacy – Content & Promotional Materials).	
ENCLOSURES / ATTACHMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
REPORT OUTCOMES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Information / Awareness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential Action Items <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations Included	

Purpose

To inform internal MDA officers of the agenda / outcomes surrounding the meeting with MDBA representative Digby Jacobs; and Water NSW representative Vince Kelly.

Executive Summary

Key messages relating to the topic:

- MDBA and Water NSW representatives were invited to MDA head office on Mon 24 FEB 20 for:
 - Introduction / meet the XO / BCLP Project Manager;
 - Discuss and promote the BCLP;
 - Seek their support by way of expert review and feedback regarding the MDA's water literacy module (learning content developed by the MDA).

Background

Mr Vince Kelly (Water NSW) and Mr Digby Jacobs (MDBA-Albury) are both experts in the field of water literacy within the Murray-Darling Basin. Previous engagements between the CEO and these officers have proven highly beneficial for the MDA when sourcing expert advice and information in their field.

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Meeting Agenda / Outcomes:***Introductions and Role Responsibilities:***

- All parties had the opportunity to meet and highlight their roles / responsibilities within the MDB context.
- This enabled the opportunity to discuss the future prospects of MDAs involvement in:
 - Water NSW operations:
 - Enhancing local government representation at Customer Advisory Groups;
 - Enhancing local government education in water for better regional outcomes;
 - Use of the MDA to support Water NSW when seeking further local government engagement / interactions.
 - MDBA:
 - Easily sourcing timely and accurate information relating to current projects, policies and updates relating to constraints / efficiency projects of the MDBP;
 - Reference too / insight into the current discussions / debate of water conveyance and transmission losses falling to the Commonwealth Environmental Holder Office – purely discussion – no credible or tangible agenda had been discussed nor should be further entertained at this point in time.

Basin Communities Leadership Program:

- Provided an overview and promotional materials to the representatives for their information;
- Requested their further dissemination within their realm / remit to those they believe would be suitable candidates;
- Hard copies of the promotional materials provided at the meeting.

MDA Water Literacy Learning Module – Content Review:

- Respecting the two representatives for their expertise and authority on water literacy within the Murray-Darling Basin;
- Presented an overview on the education module under development by the MDA;
- MDA invited their review and feedback on the content given their position, knowledge and authority on the topic;
- Both representatives agreed in principle to the request;
- Hard copies of the product provided at the meeting.

MDA Actions

The following items are for MDA attention / action:

- XO action items:
 - Email electronic version of the products presented at the meeting.
 - Continue to use the representatives for development and as an information source.

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- CEO action items:
 - Explore further opportunities for improved attendance by local government to customer advisory groups (and similar forums);
 - Explore enhanced learning and literacy opportunities of local government representatives attending committees and groups such as the CAGs;
 - Explore opportunities for the MDA to support the coordination / representation of local government at CAGs and associated committees / groups.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY: **T.BANKS** Executive Officer / Strategic Leadership & Training Coord



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MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

COMMUNICATION REPORT

TOPIC:	MDA STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP – MARCH 2020	
DATE:	16 MARCH 2020	
INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MDA Board
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MDA Staff
EXTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For Member Councils and public
ENCLOSURES / ATTACHMENTS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes:
REPORT OBJECTIVES:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Information / Awareness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enable participants to present at council or incorporate in their own council reports	

Purpose

To report on the event and outcomes of the **2020 MDA Strategic Planning Workshop** held in Moama on 12-13 March 2020.

Executive Summary

The MDA held a **Strategic Planning Workshop** (SPW) in Moama NSW over the period **12-13 March 2020**.

The event was well attended and incorporated the perspectives, experience and input from key stakeholders and critical representatives from all States and regions right throughout the Murray-Darling Basin.

The SPW reviewed the **Vision 2024 Strategic Plan**; current and emerging **projects, programs and initiatives**; along with presentations from **strategic partnerships** achieved with key stakeholders such as CSIRO and the MDBA.

The top three priorities for the MDA for the plan period are identified as:

- Development and production of **Membership Tools and Services**.
- Implementation of **Strategic Projects, Initiatives and Programs** within the wider MDB Footprint.
- Establishment of the **Murray-Darling Basin Local Government Centre of Excellence**.

The MDA executive will now incorporate the strategic input received and complete the final draft of the MDA Strategic Plan 2020-2024: **Vision 2024** for consultation and approval.

Background

The MDA's Strategic Plan 2016-19 has now concluded with the achievement of a broad suite of strategic outcomes. The operations and objectives of the MDA have evolved significantly, requiring a step-change in

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the organisation's future plan. Vision 2024 will position the organisation strongly to respond to the emerging needs of the Murray-Darling Basin.

The prospects for the MDA membership and the 12 MDA regions continue to gain support from strategic partners and stakeholders; with many projects emerging which will see the MDA's vision of a healthy, vibrant and thriving Murray-Darling Basin more achievable.

2020 Strategic Planning Workshop

The two-day event saw a gathering of mayors, councillors and senior executives of councils from Albury to Adelaide, Menindee to the Murray Mouth, as far afield as Balonne, Federation, Barunga West and more – reinforcing the perspectives, power and impact which the MDA collectively exercises within the Basin and more broadly within Australia.

Councils discussed a range of issues, including the importance of place-based change and adaptation for local government, the role of science in dealing with big Basin issues, and how the MDA can work with local government to identify and achieve the future they want – not for the future they want back.

The SPW gave opportunity for the MDA Board and Strategic Representatives to:

- Affirm the **Vision, Mission and Values** of the Organisation.
- Review the exciting and promising **projects and initiatives** which the MDA is implementing throughout the Murray-Darling Basin and the broader membership's footprint.
- Experience first-hand the **collaboration and partnerships** which have been achieved by the MDA with strategic partners such as the CSIRO and the MDBA.
- Reinforce the **priorities for the MDA Executives** under the Vision 2024 Plan over the next five years:
 - Membership Services – streamlined, effective and prized products and resources;
 - Projects, Initiatives and Programs with Basin-Wide impact;
 - Establishment of the **Murray-Darling Basin Local Government Centre for Excellence**.

Capacity Building**Projects**

The SPW was presented with a list of the current and emerging project, initiatives and programs which included:

- Basin Communities Leadership Program (BCLP 1.0) – 15 Locations, 225 Emerging Leaders;
- BCLP 2.0 – Continuing on from BCLP 1.0 with additional pathways being explored;
- Regional Economic Diversification Program – Supporting local Councils with regional MDA officers;
- Regional Mental Health Program – Supporting membership Councils with additional support.

Each of these projects have received a large amount of planning to see these transition from a concept to a viable program / product; with several having already been submitted for funding under the Murray Darling Economic Development federal funding programs.

Staff

Over the last couple of years, the executive team has grown to a comprehensive team of 7 staff. Workshop participants saw presentations from staff on the newly implemented Customer Relationship Management software, project initiatives, and the emerging corporate plan.

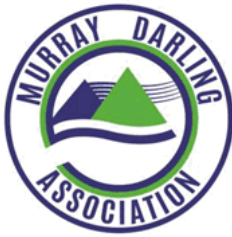
FOR MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRIBUTION**Membership**

The workshop developed a clear set of priorities regarding the development and production of membership tools and services.

Distribution

Participants at the workshop are encouraged to use the information contained in this report to build awareness and update their councils. If further information is required, please don't hesitate to contact the Murray Darling Association team on (03) 5480 3805 or comms@mda.asn.au

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Briefing Paper: Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy Meeting

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Purpose:

The purpose of the following report is to notify the board of MDA Officer participation in a meeting of peak groups with NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and NSW Water Access Regulator. The meeting was a stakeholder engagement regarding NSW Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy.

The following report is also intended to provide some insight and detail into how the meeting transpired.

Executive Summary:

The meeting was informative a well-planned. The documents provided to the MDA for the purpose of the meeting were **not for further distribution** and therefore cannot be added to this document at this stage. The Department highlighted that a similar meeting would be conducted with the MDBA as well as other stakeholder groups. The Department did receive concerns about the extent to which they had engaged with stakeholders during earlier consultation periods.

Background:

Invitees for this meeting were:

1. Chairperson: Scott Keyworth, Director Healthy Floodplains, DPIE
2. Presenter: Daniel Connor, Project Manager Healthy Floodplains, DPIE
3. Camila Ridoutt-Wolfenden, Principal Project Officer, Healthy Floodplains, DPIE
4. Suzy Lykos, Senior Project Officer, Healthy Floodplains, DPIE
5. Kaia Hodges, A/Group Director Water Renewal Taskforce, DPIE
6. Graeme White, Director Regional Water Reg Ops West, NRAR
7. Annika Lawrence, Project Officer, Healthy Floodplains, DPIE
8. Chris Brooks, Southern Riverina Irrigators
9. Graeme Pyles, Southern Riverina Irrigators
10. Emma Bradbury, Murray Darling Association
11. James Marshall, Murray Darling Association
12. Maryanne Slattery, Slattery and Johnson Consulting
13. Bill Johnson, Slattery and Johnson Consulting/Barwon-Darling Stakeholder Advisory Panel
14. Rod Campbell, The Australian Institute
15. Courtney Dillion, NSW Farmers Association
16. Peter Lalor, NSW Aboriginal Land Council

17. Alan Whyte, Menindee SAG/Lower Darling Irrigator
18. Rachel Strachan, Lower Darling Horticulture Group
19. Optional: DPIE - Daniel Blacker & Marg Duffy

Courtney Dillion had with her two staff members that both contributed significantly.
Cr MacAllister was also online with us and contributed.

The meeting opened with concern expressed by many over the lack of consultation and disregard of existing commitments and undertaking by the department.

There was a considerable amount of questioning directed around the measurement devices for the policy. Of interest was perceived issues around the grandfathering of devices already in existence, how this would be managed and what safeguards were in place to ensure the incentivization to keep grandfathered devices in place. There was also questioning around the relay of information from devices to NRAR especially regarding device faults.

There were also various lines of questioning regarding the accounting for the wetting up of on farm infrastructure including dams, surge areas, channels and irrigation fields.

Highlighted the basic need for system connectivity before any floodplain water can be legally harvested. MDA staff also highlighted that consultation clearly represents a high risk to the success of the FPHMP, and its relationship to the WRPs. The MDA invited the department to work in with the MDA to develop a project communication strategy and consultation standard to align with the balance of the FPHMP, WRPs and dependent projects. MDA staff also noted the potential risk around lack of detail, classification and risk management regarding "buffer storages" in the policy.

In responding to many of the questions the importance of the NRAR was very much highlighted. The NRAR also noted that the current lack of policies was making it difficult to regulate.

Assessment:

The current absence of policies is creating issues for both the management of basin resources and the regulation of basin resources. It is imperative that required policy and plans are completed as soon as possible.

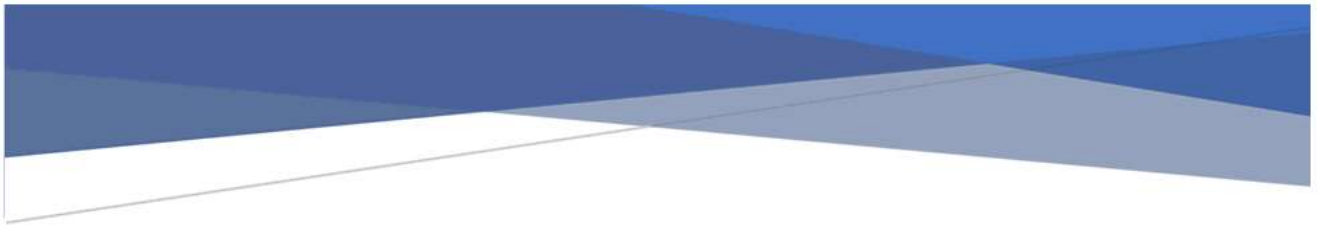
Consultation remains a point of contention between the NSW department of Planning, Industry and Environment and key stakeholders.

Recommendations:

That the board note the following report.

Summary of Key Facts Sourced:

Further Sources of Reading / Updates as Desired:



Chief Executive Officer's Report

March 2020

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1. Appointments

Date	Event/meeting	Location
19/02/2020	Meeting with Senator Perin Davey	Echuca
20/02/2020	Region 11 Ordinary Meeting	Via Zoom
20/02/2020	Region 7 Ordinary Meeting	Via Zoom
24/02/2020	Meeting with Digby Jacobs MDBA and Vincent Kelly – Water NSW	Echuca
25/02/2020	76 TH National Conference – Committee Meeting	Via Zoom
25/02/2020	Mr Adam Obeid - Policy Advisor Office of the Hon. Dr Anthony Lynham MP Mr David Wiskar – Executive Director – Water Policy Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy	Via Telephone
26/02/2020	Nicole Emara - CSIRO	Canberra
26/02/2020	Scott Keyworth – NSW Government Floodplain Harvesting Program Manager	Canberra
26/02/2020	David Tonkin - Assistant Director – Department of Agriculture	Canberra
26/02/2020	Malcolm Thompson, Matthew Dadswell, Mary Colreavy Department of Agriculture	Canberra
26/02/2020	Luke O'Sullivan – Senior Adviser for the Deputy Prime Minister – The Hon Michael McCormack	Canberra
27/02/2020	Ramzi Jabbour and Elizabeth McDonald – Office of Inspector General MDB Water Resources – Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment	Canberra
27/02/2020	Senator Perin Davey, National Whip in the Senate	
27/02/2020	Dan Croucher - MDBA	
27/02/2020	The Hon Minister Mark Coulton and Cathy Heidrich	Canberra
27/02/2020	Mr Brendan McRandle – CEO and Ms Ruth Wall – Acting Executive Director – National Water Grid Authority	Canberra
27/02/2020	Mr Tony Mahar and Warrick Ragg – National Farmers Federation	Canberra
03/03/2020	Greta Morgan – Parks Victoria – National Conference	Nathalia
03/03/2020	MDB Roundtable – Planning Meeting – Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists	Videoconference
05/03/2020	ABC Riverina – Promotion of BCLP	Telephone
05/03/2020	Northern Mallee Leadership Program	Zoom
06/03/2020	Interviews for BCLP Traineeship Position	Echuca
10/03/2020	Walgett Shire Council – Funding Opportunities	Zoom
12 th , 13 th 14 th March 2020	Strategic Planning Workshop	Moama

2. Meetings – Canberra 26 – 27 February 2020

2.1 Adam Obeid – Policy Advisor to the Hon Anthony Lynham – Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy David Wiskar - Executive Director – Water Policy Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy

Teleconference to discuss Queensland's management of current inflows and position regarding feasibility of proposed river diversion scheme.

- QLD has detailed and transparent water resource plans, developed by DNRME over more than 3 years which have passed through rigorous community consultation and negotiation. The Northern Basin Environmental Watering group and others continue to monitor flows and opportunities to maximise their benefits.
- Barwon and Lower Darling communities are anxious about premature extractions potentially risking flows to the Murray.
- Cubbie Station last year committed to voluntarily contribute water to the Culgoa River and Lower Balonne intersecting streams.
- CEWH working with irrigators to transect additional recoveries in Northern Basin.
- MDA resolved at 2019 conference to call on Basin Governments and National Water Infrastructure Grid Task Force to investigate river diversion schemes including Coffey and Bradfield schemes.
- QLD Premier Berejiklian is ready to have a conversation about the new Bradfield Scheme, and opportunities for water security backup.

Discussion on how the MDA can support the QLD Government in shared endeavours to achieve Basin Plan objectives by building confidence across the community and unanimity across the respective jurisdictions.

MDA follow up will include writing to DNRME advising of motion and a call for commitment to investigate into impacts, merits and feasibility of a water river diversion scheme.

2.2 Nicole Emara – CSIRO

Meeting to extend invite for secondment of CSIRO scientist, Dr David Post to the MDA for the purpose of reviewing content and opportunities to inform the development of information to be presented at the 2020 National Conference. Mutually appropriate time to be arranged.

Discussion regarding collaboration with CSIRO on the development of Australia's National Outlook: Murray-Darling Basin and progression of Relationship Agreement.

Proposed possible motion for National Conference to demonstrate leading science in the contest of ideas and development of sound data and to recognise and support CSIRO's role as Australia's National Science agency.

2.3 Scott Keyworth – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

General discussion regarding development and release of measurement policy and how-to best support NSW to complete their WRP's.

Contact details for Daniel Blacker, Project Manager, provided for further information on floodplain harvesting regulation policy.

[Floodplain harvesting](#) summary information

2.4 David Tonkin – Department of Agriculture

Provided Department with an update on the BCLP program

Discussions around Collarenebri – Walgett. Possibility of partnering with MDA to develop a project proposal such as a Regenerative Ag Incubator. Also raised possibility of local government/first nations collaboration on Basin communities and stories map.

2.5 Malcolm Thompson, Matthew Dadswell and Mary Colreavy– Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment.

General discussions on management of inflows from recent rain events and community response, the importance of NSW completing their WRPs, National Water Infrastructure Grid and the new Organisational Chart for the department.

2.6 Senior Adviser to Deputy Prime Minister – The Hon Michael McCormack - Luke O’Sullivan

Discussion regarding a nationally coordinated approach to infrastructure investment, positive reinforcement for NSW to complete WRP’s.

Briefings on projects and grant applications - BCLP, Regional Economic Diversification Program and Positive Basin Stories.

The Deputy Prime Minister was invited to provide an intro video for the BCLP.

2.7 The Hon Minister Keith Pitt, Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia and Advisors Craig Bradley & Marcus Finn

Brief introduction to Minister Keith Pitt. Advised of MDA key message that NSW WRP’s need to be completed. Also spoke to looking beyond 2024 to Basin Plan 2.

Discussed economic diversification, connecting communities and catchments and invited to attend BCLP.

2.8 Ramzi Jabbour – Deputy Inspector-General Murray-Darling Basin Water Resources, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

Meeting re-iterated the need for NSW to complete WSP’s and the need to start discussing Basin Plan 2. Also raised issue of the science community needing to be seen and trusted to robustly contest ideas. Detailed discussion about the use of local government as that level of representation is well placed to serve the national interest. Local government should be adequately resourced and empowered to provide approvals for water dependent DA’s via national peak. Need to think outside the box.

2.9 The Hon Minister Mark Coulton and Cathy Heidrich (Senior Adviser)

Discussion regarding NSW WRP’s. Conversation around Collarenebri-Walgett and project proposal for a Regenerative Agriculture incubator or Annual Conference that could partner on BCLP graduation event.

2.10 Brendan McRandle – CEO, Malcolm Southwell, General Manager Policy, Science and Engagement, Drew Edwards – General Manager, Chris Biesaga – Regional Development and Local Government

Introductions from the MDA and the Agency. Requested information on water river diversion schemes, including David Coffey’s Clarence scheme. Also discussed the Bradfield Scheme. Raised the need for NSW to complete WSP’s, recognition of the science community, rationale of assessment of investments i.e. dams v groundwater storages. Very constructive meeting with many opportunities for follow up.

2.11 Tony Mahar – CEO, and Warwick Ragg -General Manager Natural Resources - National Farmers Federation

Meeting discussed need for NSW to complete WPS’s and to think about Basin Plan 2. Invitation extended to provide video for BCLP, which was accepted

2.12 Senator Pat Dodson

Met with Pat Dodson (unscheduled). Discussed BCLP and First Nations involvement in leadership participation. Referral provided for Joe Morrison – former Northern Land Council Chief Executive. Joe has forwarded CV with MDA to make contact.

2.13 Dan Croucher – MDBA

Dan provided contact details for Water leadership engagement.
How do we look at Basin Plan 2 – Conversation needs to commence.
Discussed NSW project timeline re the submission of plans.

2.14 Senator Perin Davey – Nationals Whip in the Senate

Discussions on timelines for the completion of NSW WRPs.

3. Basin Community Leadership Program

Tony Banks – Project Manager will provide a detail presentation and update at the upcoming Strategic Workshop 12th and 13th March 2020 in Moama.

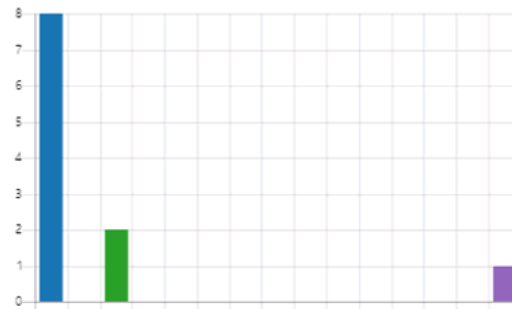
Current Enrolment status: ONE application from Lower Lakes (via email)

- Lower Lakes: 8
- Cobdogla Barmera: 2
- Rochester: 1

6. Please select which workshop you wish to apply for

[More Details](#)

● Lower Lakes (Goolwa): 26-27 ...	8
● Loxton: 28-29 May 2020	0
● Cobdogla-Barmera: 16-17 Jun...	2
● Berri: 18-19 June 2020	0
● Swan Reach: 07-08 July 2020	0
● Merbein: 09-10 July 2020	0
● Red Cliffs: 25-26 August 2020	0
● Colignan: 27-28 August 2020	0
● Cunnamulla: 10-11 September...	0
● Dirranbandi: 14-15 September...	0
● St George: 17-18 September 2...	0
● Collarenebri: 12-13 October 2...	0
● Warren: 15-16 October 2020	0
● Wakool: 26-27 October 2020	0
● Rochester: 29-30 October 2020	1



4. Introducing Georgia Andrew-Mills

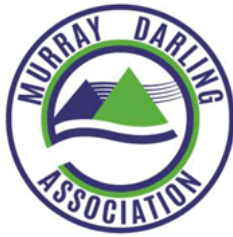
Georgia commenced employment with the MDA on 11th March 2020 followed by an incredible 2-day induction by way of attending the MDA Strategic Planning Workshops held in Moama. Georgia is employed on a full-time basis as the Business and Training Support Officer for the Basin Community Leadership Program working side by side with Tony Banks our Project Manager.

Georgia recently completed a traineeship with the Country Fire Authority based in district 20 (Kerang), she has completed a Certificate 111 in Business and hopes to build on her skill sets and is looking forward to the commencement of the BCLP training workshops.

The staff at the MDA welcome Georgia and encourage her to succeed and are pleased that she has joined the wonderful team.

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Chief Executive Officer



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Region 4 Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 10 March 2020 – 1:00pm EST

Venue: The Midway Centre, 6 Midway Drive, Buronga, NSW

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

In Person	By Teleconference
Cr Jane MacAllister (Wentworth Shire Council)	Darrea Turley (Broken Hill)
Cr Jason Modica (Mildura Rural City Council)	Marion Browne (Broken Hill)
Cr Steve Heywood (Wentworth Shire Council)	
Greg Hill (Central Darling Shire Council)	
Richard Minter (CEWH)	
Mike Colreavy (Balranald Council)	
Gavin Helgeland (Balranald Council)	

2. APOLOGIES

Ken Ross, Cr Tim Elstone

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. WELCOME

Cr MacAllister

5. MINUTES

Resolution

That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Cr Jason Modica

Seconded: Cr Steve Heywood

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Cubby Station can hold 1.3M megs only 10% goes past – through MDBA allowed first 10% of first flush to go past - makes a mockery of the whole plan. How is that mimicked through the whole northern basin?

7. REPORTS

The following verbal reports to be provided:

7.1 Chairman's Report – Cr MacAllister

Cr MacAllister has taken a job with Nature Conservation Council of NSW River campaign organizer

Cr MacAllister, Rachel Strachan, Barbara Quayle, Greg Hill - SDL projects Water Sharing Plan

Block banks will need to be removed

Meetings of Councils along river advocating embargoes, Bourke Council backflipped – also DPIE has allowed pumping between Bourke & Wilcannia since Friday 6 March 2020. Exemptions on embargoes for A, B & C licences.

Bores at Pooncarie are working but bores at Wilcannia & Menindee have poor water quality

7.2 Council Reports – each Council to provide a verbal update of activities from their region

Central Darling Shire– Flows to Wilcannia last Thursday, 10800MG per day rising at 300-400mm per day. EC 4000 on Friday, water quality was very poor, now EC 0. Water at Viewmont yesterday possibility 300 Gig – Wilcannia weir construction RFQ in May view to start construction in September and completion in December

Balranald Shire Council – Yanga Lake project information to be sent through– river flow last year went below minimum – intervalley trade allowed a better flow this year Murrumbidgee – intervalley trading – good for blue green algae, water quality, issues for Murrumbidgee has got Locks regulators and the last lock is unregulated upside-down river. Balranald cannot operate weir as it is unsafe. 90% carp at Balranald – black water events – fish kills – Isolated weir pool full of carp. Lake Yanga is dry. Lake Yanga was a great breeding event but it doesn't connect back to Murrumbidgee. The point is if you could increase the weir pool by 1.5m would reconnect back to Yanga Lake, it is a protectorate for the environment. Project \$4M but told it was small.

Need science, hydrological data, scientific data into the argument.

Gavin will send details of project to Jane to get to the MDA strategic planning meeting.

Mildura Regional City Council – Presented to RC in SA, Productivity commission, MRCC have a water policy currently on public display, trying to understand how much development we can have

Wentworth Shire Council – lobbying to Minister Pavey to keep embargoes in place – Minister to review her own Department

7.3 Water Meetings Attended

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Richard Mintern, Local Engagement Officer with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office

CEWO has responsibility of managing Commonwealth water to keep wetlands and environmental bodies watered. Mid nineties, quadrupled amount of water they held. Bi-partisan & state support for environmental initiatives and opening up open trading of water. Statutory body - Jodie Swick in Mildura next Thursday. Sit under Environment Minister not Water Minister separate but work closely with MDBA. Manage water but not the land. Drought scenario trying to maintain some resilience in the system. When conditions get back to normal wetlands are usually still in drought. Local Councils writing position papers on water. Look forward to NSW government agencies producing water sharing plans by July.

Greg & Jane currently reviewing Menindee Lakes Water SDL plans – environmental water is acquired irrigation licences 80 different licence types across whole basin follow state rules in which ever state licenced in – having environmental water outside the irrigation pool – some states have specific environmental water (small volumes). CEWO is not a decision maker in that space.

Should we be asking for more water in the MLWSDL, is the environmental water held in the SDL plan.

Rule changes coming back, give better tools, the amount of water in Menindee Lakes is small, high security but small volume.

Interestingly VIC is trying to get water on floodplains and keep it there, NSW Government is doing the opposite in NSW eg Menindee Lakes

Does the CEWO hold environmental water in Menindee? Can come down the Darling? Yes have to put in an order with River Ops at SA Border.

250G may hit Wetherall, should be enough for a flush to Lower Darling sending 2000mg per day down the river.

Does the CEWO have an understanding of how much more that flow would have been if the embargoes were left in place? Not really they concentrate on what water they have.

8.2 Strategic Planning MDA Region 4

- 8.1.1 For discussion - 70 GL of up water returned to Horticultural and Agriculture two years ago by the Senate? Could we find out the cost to River Health, native fish health & community health? How can a small group of lobbyists can turn a Nations Senate with no scientific evidence-based information?
- 8.1.2 For discussion - the capacity of horticultural businesses like Cubbie Station (all other over extractors need to be addressed too) and their ability to extract water during large rainfall periods and how that extraction puts pressure on downstream communities. How sustainable is this and can we have it addressed by State and Federal Governments and the MDBA? While identifying the conflicted voice of lobbyists.
- 8.1.3 CSIRO/Universities partnership opportunities – looking at finalising MOU with CSIRO – how can they support the questions regions have – evaporation data northern basin / Menindee Lakes
- 8.1.4 Yanga Lake project
- 8.1.5 Value of the water cycle/evaporation and replenishing the aquifers
- 8.3 MDA Letter to Minister Pavey re: Approval to take (Attachment 2)
For information
- 8.4 Climate ready communities (Attachment 3)
Councils to forward climate statements if they have one. If not have a look at the document and make comment. Send through to Chair at gmea@wentworth.nsw.gov.au
- 8.5 Climate Ready Regions Conference (Attachment 4)
For information if anyone would like to attend
- 8.6 Phillip Glyde Opinion piece (Attachment 5)
For information
- 8.7 Water Allocation Statement dated 2 March 2020 (Attachment 6)
For information
- 8.8 Extension of embargoes & exemptions (Attachment 7)
For information
- 8.9 Murray-Darling Basin Baseline Diversion Limits - estimate for 2019-2020 water year (Attachment 8)
For information
- 8.10 Murray-Darling Basin Sustainable Diversion Limits - estimate for 2019-2020 water year (Attachment 9)
For information
- 8.11 MDA National Conference 22-24 July at Shepparton motions to Chair prior to next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Proposed 9 June 2020 at 1pm

10. CLOSE 3.02pm

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
Wentworth Shire Council for their support in
hosting this meeting of Region 4.*



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Region 5

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Minutes

Region 5 – Annual General Meeting

Renmark Paringa Council Chambers

Monday, 16th March, 2020

Meeting commenced at 10:04am:

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present:

• Cr Peter Raison	Mid Murray Council
• Cr Jeff Hall	Mid Murray Council
• Cr Andrew Kassebaum	Berri Barmera Council
• Malcolm Wilksch	Berri Barmera Private Member
• Cr Peter Walker	Loxton Waikerie Council
• Cr Allan Maddocks	Renmark Paringa Council
• Cr Margaret Howie	Renmark Paringa Council
• Mayor, Neil Martinson	Renmark Paringa Council
• Cr Peter Hunter	Renmark Paringa Council
• Ashleigh Baker	EA - Renmark Paringa Council
• Emma Bradbury	CEO, MDA via Zoom Online Conference
• Melissa Rebbeck (12 noon)	Region 6 Chair re Lock Zero
• James John	Renmark Irrigation Trust
• Kate Strachan	Renmark Irrigation Trust
• Megan Taylor	Renmark Irrigation Trust
• Myles Fauser	Renmark Paringa Council & Renmark Irrigation Trust

1.2 Apologies:

• Cr Kym Webber	Loxton Waikerie Council
• Iann Mann	Mid Murray Private Member
• Cr Mike Fuller	Berri Barmera Council
• Yvonne Smith	District Council of Karoonda East Murray

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration – Material / Actual / Perceived Nil

2. WELCOME

All members and guest speakers James, Kate and Megan from Renmark Irrigation Trust (RIT) were welcomed to our March Meeting.

10:05am - We paused proceedings for an update from Emma Bradbury, CEO of the Murray Darling Association via 'Zoom' Video Link.

- (6.0) Emma Bradbury, CEO MDA
- Attended the strategic planning workshop and the outcomes formed an exciting work plan for the next 12 months. Three key priorities that emerged :
 - Development of regions
 - Membership and products
 - Centre of Excellence
 - Basin in Communities Leadership Program:
 - The program has now be set
 - Participants will complete a water literacy module
 - Will commence with pre study online then the two day workshop
 - Nine months of engagement and mentoring
 - Employed a training facilitator
 - More information is available on the MDA website
 - Alexandria course is full, but still available spots in Loxton. Warren has also had a strong take up.
 - A producer and a production team have been engaged.
 - One basin and CRC roadshow involvement aligns with MDA and will be interested in supporting as it develops.
 - Mayor Martinson presented Peter Hunter with a plaque and thanked Peter for all his work he has done for the MDA.
 - Emma also thanked Peter for his work at board level and the contribution and commitment Peter has made to Region 5.
 - Emma welcomed Peter Raison to the board as the new Region 5 Chair.

10:26am - We paused proceedings for presentations from the Renmark Irrigation Trust

Water Stewardship:

James John (Legal and Project Manager) and Kate Strahn (Board Member)

- The catalyst to the water stewardship was the millennial drought.
- Is an international standard for good water stewardship.
- Global leadership from companies such as Apple who are looking to achieve gold standard.
- RIT have translated their own certification to their customers who can benefit when going to market.
- RIT were award gold certification in 2018, the platinum in 2020 which is the highest available level.
- RIT are happy to assist and knowledge share if Council wish to pursue.
- Kate Board Member highlighted that from the board's perspective it has been a positive for the community and had value for their exporters
- Cost for Local Government would be difficult to determine as it depends on organisational type / size. No precedent, as no council has previously entered.
- James is happy to be contacted if members have further questions, email address jjohn@rit.org.au.

Proposed Amendments to Carry Over Policy:

Megan Taylor (Water and Administration Manager)

- Presentation on the current water policy and the carry over entitlements.
- Old policy discouraged good water management.
- The RIT wrote to the Minister to highlight their concerns when the policy was out for consultation.
- New policy stipulates water carryover will roll rather than being completely lost
- Priorities to 100% allocations
- Storage for carryover water is very important

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

Moved: Cr Andrew Kassebaum

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of MDA Region 5 held in Berri, on the 25th March, 2019 are a true & accurate record of the meeting.

Seconded: Cr Margaret Howie

Agreed

'Summary Minutes' of the ordinary meeting of MDA Region 5 held in Karoonda, on the 9th December, 2019 were included within distribution of the Agenda.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 2019 Annual General Meeting
Nil

4.2 2019 December Region 5 Meeting
Nil

5. MDA Region 5 Update

5.1 Correspondence to Members – Summary list circulated

5.2 Region 5 Annual General Meeting

Cr Peter Hunter read the chairperson's report, highlighting his involvement with the role over the past 4 years and expressed how there has been significant growth within MDA – both internally & with their influence on the national policy agenda. He wished the Association, Region 5 and Cr Peter Raison all the best.

Moved: Cr Peter Hunter

That the Chairperson's Report be received

Seconded: Cr Margaret Howie

Agreed

Moved: Cr Andrew Kassabaum

That Mid Murray Council agrees to provide support for the role of Chairperson, Region 5, and that Cr Raison be the Chair on their behalf.

Seconded: Cr Margaret Howie

Agreed

After consultation with Cr Raison, Cr Peter Hunter resumed as 'Acting' Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The below members to be formally endorsed at the next meeting, subject to any changes within individual councils.

- Council Representatives (for confirmation):
 - Berri Barmera: **Cr Kassebaum** / Cr Fuller – **Voting Delegate / Proxy**
 - Loxton Waikerie: **Cr Walker** / Cr Webber – **Voting Delegate / Proxy**
 - Mid Murray: **Cr Raison** Cr Hassett /– **Voting Delegate / Proxy**
 - Karoonda East Murray: **Cr Smith** / Cr tba / **Voting Delegate / Proxy**
 - Renmark Paringa: **Cr Howie** / Cr Maddocks- **Voting Delegate / Proxy**

Private Members:

- Ian Mann OAM
- Malcolm Wilksch

6. MDA CEO / NATIONAL AGM

6.1.1 MDA National Conference - Shepparton, Victoria – 12th August. *There have been changes with the date & now with Coronavirus implications may need to be deferred.*

6.1.2 Next board meeting for further clarity / updates - Monday, 23rd March.

6.2 Basin Communities Leadership Program –

- Invitations & Information available now
 - SA Dates:
 - Session 1 – Lower Lakes – 26th to 27th May - **Full**
 - **Session 2 – Loxton – 28th to 29th May**
- Detailed Program – Online Bookings – Prereading – sessions & follow up
- This program will be circulated to High Schools

6.3 Other items from CEO Presentation, earlier in the meeting:

Nil

7. PLANNING & COORDINATION

7.1 Frequency / Location / Timing of Region 5 Meetings to be confirmed at the June Meeting.

- **Members to check council calendars / commitments.**
- **Discussion re option of online attendance as part of the June Meeting**
 - **Zoom as potential platform – Licence through MDA (as per our current Region 5 Meetings (ie Emma) or utilise a local council software Licence.**
 - **Members to check facilities available @ their meeting venues / home / workplace.**
- **Current Pattern - second Monday – every 3 months:**
 - **Berri / Barmera – 1st June 2020 - Confirmed**
 - 8th June – LWE / 15th June – ALGA Conference in Canberra
 - Preparation for MDA AGM Motions / support
 - Shepparton MDA AGM – TBC – July / August?
 - Loxton / Waikerie – 14th September 2020
 - Mid Murray – 14th December 2020
 - Karoonda East Murray – 8th March 2021
 - Renmark Paringa – 14th June 2021
- **Topics / Guest Speakers:**
 - CEO Phone Link for meetings
 - Guest Speakers – Topic/s:
 - Meetings / links with Region 6
 - Fisheries & PIRSA
 - Carp Update/s
 - Mike Young
 - Jarrod Eaton & DEW
 - MDBA Representative – Monique White – **schedule**
 - CEWO – **schedule**

NB

- Information re Lock Zero (MDA Position paper) had been sent to all members prior to the meeting.
- Additional advice was also tabled for members, prior to Melissa's Input.
- A short 'round the table' discussion preceded the 'Zoom' link.

We paused proceedings (12:00pm) for an update regarding Lock Zero from Melissa Rebbeck, Region 6 Chair MDA, via 'Zoom' Video Link.

- Concerns on the removal of barrages and implementation of lock zero.
- Further research is being done currently which hopefully will confirm freshwater status of lakes for 99%, historically.
- Ecology the number one concern if this was to go ahead.
- NSW not taking full responsibility on their actions and diverting other regions to do more.
- SA the most efficient in water delivery.
- Concerns re the size & number of dams still active & numerous very inefficient methods for water delivery across the basin
- Keep advocating for the MDA plan.
- Climate change: potential for the next drought to be worse – we need to be prepared.
- Need to look at soil carbon increase & water holding capacity within the soil, rather than only looking at traditional water solutions.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS
Nil

9. NEXT MEETING

Date: 1st June 2020
Time: 9:30 for 10am
Location: Berri Barmera Council Chambers

Room Booking / Morning Tea / Set Up & Preparation Responsibilities: Cr Andrew Kassebaum

10. CLOSE 12:15pm

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
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8.2 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

File Number: RPT/20/268

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

A meeting of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee was held on 28 April 2020 and the Minutes of the meeting are attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

The Committee has requested that the Reporting Officer seeks resolutions of Council on the adoption of the Quarterly Budget Review Statement. If approved, the net result of variances for the March 2020 quarter is an unfavorable operational variance of \$250,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$1,050,000. A total favorable variance of \$800,000.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the council meeting on 26 June 2019.

Additional Information

The report and attachments presented to the Committee are attached to this report.

Attachments

1. QBRS Report and attachments [↓](#)
2. Minutes of meeting held 28 April 2020 [↓](#)

INTERNAL AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA 28 APRIL 2020

6.1 March Quarterly Budget Review

File Number: RPT/20/229

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
 Report Author: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Summary

A full analysis of Council's Income, Operating Expenditure and Capital Expenditure has been undertaken. A number of variations have been identified against the original budget as outlined in this report. Council's revenue and expenditure is reviewed on a quarterly basis to identify any potential areas requiring a variation.

	YTD Actual (31-Mar-2020)	% of Original Budget	% of Revised Budget
Revenue	\$21,536,342	67.1%	62.7%
Operational Expenditure	\$18,444,937	77.2%	76.8%
Capital Expenditure	\$8,810,233	38.7%	41.5%

If approved, the net result of variances for the March 2020 Quarter is an unfavorable operational variance of \$250,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$1,050,000. A total favorable budget variation of \$800,0000.

Recommendation

That the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee recommends that Council approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the Council Meeting on 26 June 2019.

Detailed Report

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to review the financial performance of Council for the quarter ending 31 March 2020 in accordance with S407 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Report Detail

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is attached for your information identifying the Adopted Budget, Recommended Changes for Council Resolution, Projected Year End Budget, March 2020 Quarterly Review Changes, Year to Date Actual Revenue and Actual Expenditure to 31 March 2020.

Council has recorded \$21,536,342 in revenue as at 31 March 2020. This equates to 67.1% of the original revenue budget or 62.7% of the revised revenue budget. Notable revenue during this quarter includes:

- Roads to Recovery Programme - \$1,047,324
- Financial Assistance Grant - \$783,840
- RMCC Maintenance & Ordered Works Fees - \$698,500
- Water Consumption Charges - \$559,543

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- Buronga Landfill Receipts - \$420,412
- Wentworth Aerodrome Infrastructure Grant - \$246,891
- RMS Charges State Highways - \$229,198
- Repair Program - \$215,697
- Effluent Disposal System - \$160,512
- Broken Hill Pipeline Easement Compensation - \$150,000
- Interest on Investments - \$144,001
- Stronger Country Communities Grants – \$99,000
- Gol Gol Water Treatment Upgrade - \$93,239
- Willowbend Caravan Park Fees – \$92,920
- Curlwaa Boat Ramp - \$82,065

Council's total operating expenditure to 31 March 2020 is \$18,444,937. This is 77.2% of the original expenditure budget or 76.8% of the revised expenditure budget. Notable operating expenditure for this quarter includes:

- Water Treatment Plant Operational & Maintenance Expenses - \$448,654
- Roads Maintenance Contract Works - \$432,261
- Local Roads Maintenance - \$359,145
- Regional Repair Program - \$203,467
- Buronga Landfill Equipment & Machinery - \$173,543
- Regional Roads Maintenance - \$136,163
- Swimming Pool Operations & Maintenance - \$115,135
- Fuels & Oils - \$107,317
- Landfill Operations - \$100,536
- Waste Water Operational & Maintenance Expenses - \$90,283
- IT Contract Support - \$77,085
- Workcover Insurance - \$60,852
- Plant Parts - \$60,443
- IT Computer Maintenance - \$58,662

Expenditure on Capital projects to the end of March 2020 has been \$8,810,233. This equates to 38.7% of the original capital budget or 41.5% of the revised capital budget. Notable capital expenditure for this quarter includes:

- Wentworth Aerodrome - \$345,777
- George Gordon Oval Netball Courts - \$253,700
- Barrett Pavilion - \$248,960
- Pooncarie Water Treatment Plant - \$242,342
- Wentworth Wastewater Rationalisation Project - \$184,691
- Effluent Disposal System Facilities - \$133,369
- Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - \$125,863
- Curlwaa Hall Renewal - \$125,676
- Dareton Wastewater Rationalisation Project - \$122,329
- Road Renewals - \$183,667
- Capital Plant Replacement Program - \$91,234

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- Land Acquisitions - \$74,842
- Buronga Riverfront Masterplan - \$66,388
- Wentworth Sporting Complex - \$53,215

Matters under consideration

A list of recommended changes for Council resolution to the original budget are included on the notes pages within the Quarterly Budget Review Statement. This statement includes notes to explain the reason for the variations, using alphabetical note references against both the operational and capital budgets.

To provide additional information to Councillors to help explain any variances of actuals compared to projected budget, numerical note references have also been included. Comments are provided for any year to date variance of greater than 10% against 75% of the proposed budget, given we are three quarters of the way through the financial year.

Conclusion

If approved, the net result for the March 2020 Quarter, after variations have been considered for Revenue and Expenditure including Capital, will be a favorable variance of \$800,000, giving a year to date net favorable variance of \$1,767,000 to the original budget.

Attachments

1. March Quarterly Budget Review Statement

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March Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/20 to 31/03/20

Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

31 March 2020

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Wentworth Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/03/20 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/20 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

23/4/2020

Simon Rule
Responsible Accounting Officer

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March Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/20 to 31/03/20

Wentworth Shire Council

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020

Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

	Original Budget 2019/20	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2019/20	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures	Notes	% Actuals by Projected
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS							
Income												
Rates and Annual Charges	8,664	-	-	-	51	8,715		a	8,715	8,713	1	100.0%
User Charges and Fees	4,910	-	-	-	-	4,910		b	4,910	4,041	2	82.3%
Interest and Investment Revenues	735	-	-	-	-	735	(250)	c	485	378	3	77.9%
Other Revenues	1,257	-	-	-	-	1,257		d	1,257	641	4	51.0%
Grants & Contributions - Operating	9,024	-	-	-	451	9,475		e	9,475	5,584	5	58.9%
Grants & Contributions - Capital	7,398	1,544	199	168	101	9,410		f	9,410	2,179	6	23.2%
Net gain from disposal of assets	100	-	-	-	-	100		g	100	-		0.0%
Total Income from Continuing Operations	32,088	1,544	199	168	603	34,502	(250)		34,352	21,536		62.7%
Expenses												
Employee Costs	8,853	-	-	-	-	8,853		h	8,853	6,847	7	77.3%
Borrowing Costs	246	-	-	-	(72)	174		i	174	165	8	94.8%
Materials & Contracts	4,473	-	-	-	203	4,676		j	4,676	3,576	9	76.5%
Depreciation	7,064	-	-	-	-	7,064		k	7,064	5,298	10	75.0%
Other Expenses	3,251	-	8	-	-	3,259		l	3,259	2,559	11	78.5%
Interest & Investment Losses	-	-	-	-	-	-		m	-	-		N/A
Net Loss from disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-		n	-	-		N/A
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	23,887	-	8	-	131	24,026	-		24,026	18,445		76.8%
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operation	8,201	1,544	191	168	472	10,576	(250)		10,326	3,091		29.9%
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-			-	-		
Net Operating Result from All Operations	8,201	1,544	191	168	472	10,576	(250)		10,326	3,091		29.9%
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	803	-	(8)	-	371	1,166	(250)		916	912		

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31/12/2019 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

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March Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
 for the period 01/01/20 to 31/03/20

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget
Total operational adjustments **-\$250,000**

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
c	Reduced interest on investments as cash rates have dropped from 1.50% to 0.25%	-\$250,000

Notes to provide additional information on material operational item variances to proposed budget:

Notes	Details
1	Full rates levied in July 2019
4	Other revenue is variable in nature and not always received evenly throughout the year
5	Timing difference as Financial Assistance Grant received in advance last financial year, but it will balance out at end of year if the government continues to pay in advance
6	Grants received in advance: Drought projects, Stronger Country Community Projects Projects with funding from milestone payments: Aerodrome, Roads to Recovery, Curlwaa Hall, Barrett Pavillion, Sewer Rationalisation Project, Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant
8	Timing of interest rate payments vary across the financial year

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March Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/20 to 31/03/20

Wentworth Shire Council

Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

Original Budget 2019/20	Approved Changes				Revised Budget 2019/20	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures	Notes	% Actuals by Projected
	Carry Forwards	Other by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS						
(\$'000's)										
Capital Expenditure										
New Assets										
- Plant & Equipment	800	28	-	-	668	-	668	258	1	N/A
- Land & Buildings	-	53	-	(160)	53	-	53	51	2	38.6%
- Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	96.2%
Renewal Assets (Replacement)										
- Plant & Equipment	4,531	-	-	(1,300)	3,231	(700)	2,531	689	4	27.2%
- Land & Buildings	5,334	439	-	(2,250)	3,720	(350)	3,370	1,521	5	45.1%
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	6,984	436	-	-	7,420	-	7,420	2,887	6	38.9%
- Other Structures	906	154	-	(82)	978	-	978	460	7	47.0%
Loan Repayments (Principal)	347	-	-	(147)	200	-	200	163	8	81.5%
Water Infrastructure	1,421	80	199	250	1,960	-	1,960	861	9	43.9%
Sewer Infrastructure	2,447	1,588	-	-	4,045	-	4,045	1,920	10	47.5%
Total Capital Expenditure	22,770	2,778	199	217	22,275	(1,050)	21,225	8,810		41.5%
Capital Funding										
Rates & Other United Funding	9,722	1,234	-	49	11,015	(1,050)	9,965	5,377	11	54.0%
Capital Grants & Contributions	7,398	1,544	199	168	9,410	-	9,410	2,179	12	23.2%
Reserves										
- External Restrictions/Reserves	1,500	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500	1,060	13	70.7%
New Loans	3,800	-	-	(3,800)	-	-	-	-	14	N/A
Receipts from Sale of Assets										
- Plant & Equipment	350	-	-	-	350	-	350	194	15	55.4%
- Land & Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	N/A
Total Capital Funding	22,770	2,778	199	217	22,275	(1,050)	21,225	8,810		41.5%
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31/12/2019 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

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Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

 Total capital adjustments **-\$1,050,000**

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details	
d	Renewal Assets - Plant & Equipment	
	Capital Plant Replacement	-\$700,000
e	Renewal Assets - Land & Buildings	
	Dareton Streetscape	-\$250,000
	Transfer Station Site Huts	-\$100,000
k	Rates & Other Untied Funding	
	Reduced expenditure on Council funded projects: Capital Plant replacement, Dareton Streetscape and Transfer Station Site Huts	\$1,050,000

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Notes to provide additional information on material capital item variances to proposed budget:

Notes	Details
2	Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment (\$400,000) progressing now Business Plan approved, 35% expended at end of March Landfill Regulatory Planning (\$100,000) delayed while Council determines future of Landfill, 6% expended at end of March
3	Alcheringa (Carramar Drive) Oval lights (\$53,000) - project 100% complete.
4	Integrated Management System (\$500,000) currently finalising contracts Plant replacement program 25% expended at end of March 2019. Awaiting delivery of some plant and various tenders approved at April Council meeting. Budgeted reduced to reflect predicted expenditure.
5	Wentworth Civic Centre (\$500,000) - currently in planning stage, 2% expended at end of March Halls programs mostly complete but some other major capital projects only commenced implementation in late 2019/early 2020 including George Gordon Oval Netball Court and Lights (\$440,000) - 62% expended, Barrett Pavillion Replacement (\$675,000) - 43%, Amenities Upgrade (\$400,000) - 36% and Wentworth Sporting Complex (\$368,000) - 27%. These projects are on track but payments are only made on completion of milestones.
6	Wentworth Aerodrome (\$3 million) - Implementation about to commence. Materials currently being purchased. 13% expended at March, but remaining expenditure on track to be spent by end of financial year.
7	EDS Facilities Upgrade (\$496,000) - Installation delayed by contractor availability, 40% expended Buronga Riverfront Masterplan (\$225,000) - implementation commenced in January, 30% expended
9	Water Treatment Plant, Gol Gol (\$875,000) - implementation commenced, 16% expended at March and Water Treatment Plant, Gol Gol Lagoon (\$150,000) - works tendered in February, 0% expended. Both projects due for completion over two financial years Water Infrastructure Annual Upgrades (\$241,862) works not commenced due to other priorities Pooncarie Water Treatment Plant Upgrades - 100% complete
10	Waste Water Rationalisation Project - Dareton (\$1 million) expenditure 30% complete Waste Water Rationalisation Project - Wentworth (\$2 million) expenditure 50% complete Sewer Replacement, Neville Street (\$200,000) - expenditure 10% complete
12	Grants received in advance: Drought projects, Stronger Country Community Projects Projects with funding from milestone payments: Aerodrome, Roads to Recovery, Curlwaa Hall, Barrett Pavillion, Sewer Rationalisation Project, Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant
15	Further Capital Plant trade-in's scheduled following purchases approved in April

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Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement**Investments**

Investments have been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Cash

The Cash at Bank figure included in the Cash & Investment Statement totals \$2,439,055

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
 The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 31/03/20

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

\$ 000's

Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)		2,439
Investments on Hand		25,000
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	(28)
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	8
Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments		27,419
Balance as per Review Statement:		27,419
Difference:		-

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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020

(\$000's)	Current Projection Amounts Indicator 19/20	Original Budget 19/20	Actuals Prior Periods 18/19	17/18
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NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

1. Operating Performance				
Operating Revenue (excl. Capital)	3091	100.0 %	45.0 %	0.1 %
Operating Revenue (excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)	19357	16.0 %		

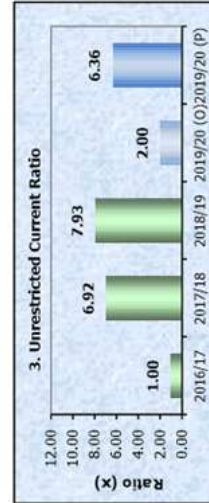
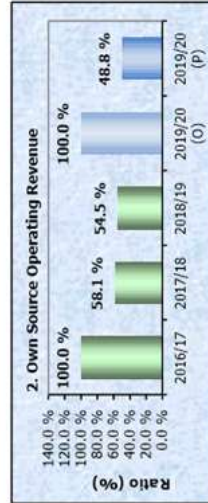
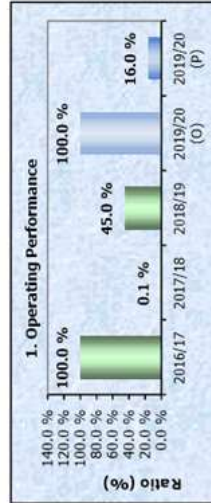
This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.

2. Own Source Operating Revenue				
Operating Revenue (excl. ALL Grants & Contributions)	15666	100.0 %	54.5 %	58.1 %
Total Operating Revenue (incl. Capital Grants & Cont)	32088	48.8 %		

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.

3. Unrestricted Current Ratio				
Current Assets less all External Restrictions	16366	6.36	7.93	6.92
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities	2574	2.00		

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget	Actuals Prior Periods
	Amounts	Indicator	19/20	18/19
	19/20	19/20	17/18	

NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

4. Debt Service Cover Ratio				
Operating Result before Interest & Dep. exp (EBITDA)	15511	26.16		
Principal Repayments + Borrowing Interest Costs	593		2.00	19.09

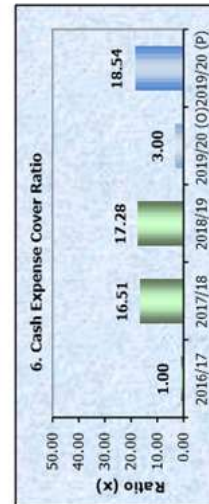
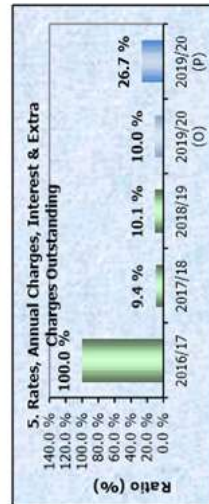
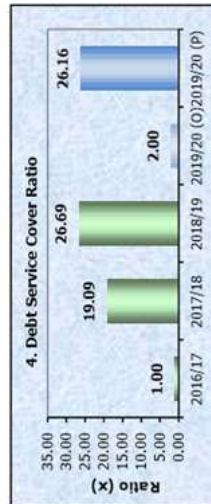
This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments.

5. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding				
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding	3151	26.7 %	10.0 %	10.1 %
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	11816			9.4 %

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.

6. Cash Expense Cover Ratio				
Current Year's Cash & Cash Equivalents (incl Term Deposits)	27419	18.54		
Operating & financing activities Cash Flow payments	1479		3.00	16.51

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020

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NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

7. Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio				
Asset Renewals (Building, Infrastructure & Other Structures)	7649	144.4 %	100.0 %	116.6 %
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	5298			

To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.

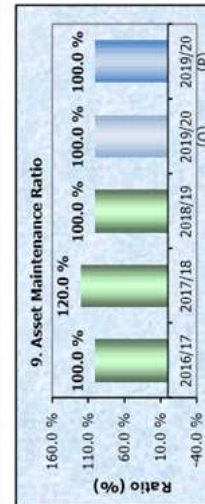
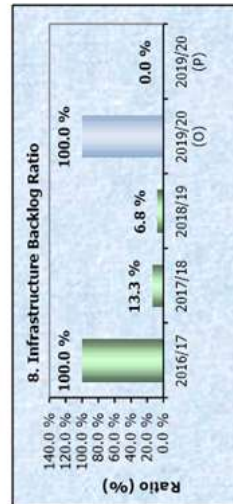
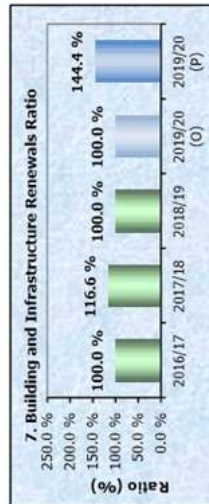
8. Infrastructure Backlog Ratio				
Estimated cost to bring Assets to a satisfactory condition		0.0 %	6.8 %	13.3 %
Total value of Infrastructure, Building, Other Structures & depreciable Land Improvement Assets				

This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.

NOTE: Only valid at end of financial year

9. Asset Maintenance Ratio				
Actual Asset Maintenance	1	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Required Asset Maintenance	1			

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the Infrastructure Backlog growing.



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Contracts Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2020

Part A - Contracts Listing - contracts entered into during the quarter

Contractor	Contract detail & purpose	Contract Value	Start Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)	Notes
Mildura Truck Centre	Purchase of Tipping Truck and Trailer	347,500	22/02/20	30/06/2020	Y	
Waters Excavation	Supply of VICRoads Class 3 Road Base Material for the Wentworth Aerodrome project	1,120,240	22/02/20	30/06/2020	Y	
Stabilco	Stabilisation Works Wentworth Aerodrome Project	1,587,029	22/02/20	30/06/2020	Y	

Notes:

1. Minimum reporting level is 1% of estimated income from continuing operations of Council or \$50,000 - whatever is the lesser.
2. Contracts listed are those entered into during the quarter being reported and exclude contractors on Council's Preferred Supplier list.
3. Contracts for employment are not required to be included.

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Wentworth Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/20 to 31/03/20**Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement**

Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense	YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	273,920	Y
Legal Fees	61,355	Y

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.



WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL

INTERNAL AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

28 APRIL 2020

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INTERNAL AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 28 APRIL 2020

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.04am

2 PRESENT**COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Melisa Hederics (Mayor)

Councillor Jane MacAllister

Councillor Susan Nichols

Councillor Peter Nunan

Councillor Greg Evans

STAFF (non- voting members)

Ken Ross (General Manager)

Simon Rule (Director Finance and Policy)

Paula Mastrippolito (Manager Organisational Support)

3 APOLOGIES**4 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

Committee Resolution

That the supplementary late item be admitted for consideration and that Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of receiving a presentation from council's external auditor.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

At 10.05am Audit Director for Nexia Australia Brett Hanger joined the meeting to discuss the upcoming financial audit

Councillor Jane MacAllister joined the meeting during the presentation

The presentation concluded at 10.15am

Committee Resolution

That Standing Orders be resumed.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

Standing Orders resumed at 10.15am

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5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Internal Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting held 5 February 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Committee Resolution

That the Minutes of the Internal Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting held 5 February 2020 be confirmed as circulated.

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

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6 REPORTS

6.1 MARCH QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW

File Number: RPT/20/229

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
 Report Author: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Summary

A full analysis of Council's Income, Operating Expenditure and Capital Expenditure has been undertaken. A number of variations have been identified against the original budget as outlined in this report. Council's revenue and expenditure is reviewed on a quarterly basis to identify any potential areas requiring a variation.

	YTD Actual (31-Mar-2020)	% of Original Budget	% of Revised Budget
Revenue	\$21,536,342	67.1%	62.7%
Operational Expenditure	\$18,444,937	77.2%	76.8%
Capital Expenditure	\$8,810,233	38.7%	41.5%

If approved, the net result of variances for the March 2020 Quarter is an unfavorable operational variance of \$250,000 and a favorable capital variance of \$1,050,000. A total favorable budget variation of \$800,0000.

Recommendation

That the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee recommends that Council approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the Council Meeting on 26 June 2019.

Committee Resolution

That the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee recommends that Council approves the variations to the 2019/20 Operational Plan adopted at the Council Meeting on 26 June 2019.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Evans

CARRIED

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6.2 POLICY REVIEW - HARDSHIP POLICY

File Number: RPT/20/231

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Report Author: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Summary

At the request of Councillor Nichols at the April Council meeting the Hardship Policy is presented for review.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that Council amends the Hardship Policy.

Committee Resolution

That the Committee notes that the policy flagged for review was the Debt Recovery Policy report and that additional information about this policy is to be provided to the next meeting by the Director Finance and Policy.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

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6.3 GOVERNANCE TOOLS - RELIANSYS

File Number: RPT/20/232

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Report Author: Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Summary

Having identified several shortcomings in the way that Delegations and Policies were being managed research was undertaken to determine an appropriate way forward.

The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the work that has been undertaken during the first quarter of this calendar year to update the Delegations Register and the Policy Register.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the report.

Committee Resolution

That the Committee notes the report and that the policies due for review be brought to the committee for review

Moved Cr. MacAllister, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

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6.4 DISCUSSION ITEM - REVIEW OF ERM POLICY AND FRAMEWORK

File Number: RPT/20/235

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Report Author: Paula Matrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Summary

Council adopted its Enterprise Risk Management Policy and Framework in 2012. Since then the Standard for Risk Management has been updated. A presentation will be provided in order to commence the process for review.

The current policy is attached for information only.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the presentation on the Enterprise Risk Management framework.

Committee Resolution

That the Committee notes the presentation on the Enterprise Risk Management framework.

Moved Cr. Nichols, Seconded Cr. Nunan

CARRIED

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6.5 DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL'S AUDITOR REGARDING UPCOMING AUDIT OF COUNCIL'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

File Number: RPT/20/240

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
Report Author: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Summary

Council's external auditor Nexia Australia has asked to address the committee to outline the plan for the audit of Council's 2019/2020 Annual Financial Statements.

Arrangements have been made for the auditor to address committee members via video link.

Recommendation

The Committee admits the late supplementary report for consideration.

The Committee recommends that Council notes the report.

Committee Resolution

That the Committee notes the information presented by the External Auditor.

Moved Cr. Nunan, Seconded Cr. Nichols

CARRIED

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7 NEXT MEETING

28 July 2020 at 10.00am

8 CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 10.56 am.

9 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/227

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

The General Manager's report details information pertaining to meetings attended and general information which are of public interest, and which have not been reported elsewhere in this agenda. Items of note in this report are:

1. OLG Circulars
 - Details of OLG Circulars 20-12 to 20-15
2. Meetings

As listed
3. Upcoming meetings or events

As listed
4. Other items of note

Recommendation

That Council notes the information contained within the report from the General Manager.

Detailed Report

1. OLG Circulars

1.1 OLG Circular 20-12 (attached)

- Regulations have been made under section 747B of the *Local Government Act 1993* to temporarily modify the application of the Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulations made under section 747B modify the Act as follows:
- Councils have been provided with a one-month extension:
 - to adopt their 2020-21 Operational Plan (including Revenue Policy, Statement of Fees and Charges and annual budget) before 31 July 2020;
 - to submit audited financial reports by 30 November 2020; and
 - for the preparation and publishing of annual reports by 31 December 2020.
- Councils have the option to delay issuing rates notices to ratepayers until 1 September 2020, and the collection of the first quarter rates instalment until 30 September 2020.
- Councils may immediately waive or reduce fees under a new "COVID-19" category.
- The requirement for councils to make certain documents available for physical inspection at their offices has been modified to allow access to the documents to be provided remotely.
- In addition to these temporary measures, in response to the closure of some local newspapers and to assist councils to reduce their costs, the *Local Government*

(General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulation) has been amended to remove requirements for newspaper advertising. This amendment is not temporary and will continue to apply after the COVID-19 pandemic passes.

1.2 OLG Circular 20-13 (attached)

- The risks of opportunistic and systemic fraud and corruption can become more prevalent during periods of significant disruption such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- To assist agencies to address this risk, ICAC has issued Managing corrupt conduct during the COVID-19 outbreak. This provides guidance on fraud and corruption risks associated with:
 - working from home
 - procurement and purchasing
 - cyber fraud and online hoaxes, and
 - stimulus funding and new programs.
- The Australian Cyber Security Centre has also issued guidance on *Web Conferencing Security*. This provides guidance on the use of online web conferencing and collaboration tools and the management of associated privacy, security and legal risks.

1.3 OLG Circular 20-14 (attached)

- Since Circular 20-09, (Compliance with social distancing requirements to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus at council and committee meetings), was issued on 25 March 2020, the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP (the Minister), issued a further Public Health Order on 30 March 2020.
- The Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020 (the Public Health Order) contains a “stay at home” direction.
- The “stay at home” direction operates to limit the ability of councillors and others to leave their homes for the purpose of physically attending council and committee meetings where the council has or can make alternative arrangements for remote attendance by an audio-visual link.

1.3 OLG Circular 20-15 (attached)

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Cycle

- The existing Delivery Program will apply for a further 12 months, maintaining the key themes and any activities not yet completed. Where additional activities are proposed that are significantly different to those identified in the existing Delivery Program, the usual public exhibition requirements will apply.
- Councils will have adopted their 2019-20 Operational Plan and should continue to operate under this plan until 31 July 2020. Note the timing is extended to allow councils additional time to prepare their 2020-21 Operational Plan because of extenuating circumstances under the COVID-19 emergency.
- A new Operational Plan (2020-21) must be developed for adoption by 1 August 2020, reflecting the existing Delivery Program.
- In preparing for the next annual Operational Plan (for the 2020-21 period), councils should take the following approach:
 - The existing Community Strategic Plan remains in place as a valid reference document
 - The existing Resourcing Strategy remains in place, with the long-term financial plan being annually reviewed, as usual.
- Once the deferred election is conducted, council will commence its next cycle of Integrated Planning and Reporting.
- Any planned measurement and recording of progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan can proceed and be used to inform the next Integrated Planning and Reporting cycle.

2. Meetings

Following is a list of meetings or events attended by the General Manager for the period 11 April 2020 – 01 May 2020.

Date	Meeting	Location
14 Apr 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Buronga
15 Apr 2020	Local Emergency Management Meeting	Video Conferencing
20 Apr 2020	Mayoral Meeting	Buronga
22 Apr 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting	Video Conference
24 Apr 2020	FWJO General Managers Meeting	Video Conference
28 Apr 2020	Internal Audit & Risk Committee Meeting	Video Conference

3. Events

Following is a list of upcoming events, conferences or committee meetings, including out of region meetings where the Shire has been requested to attend in an official capacity.

Date	Meeting	Proposed Attendees	Location
28 May 2020	JO Chairs Meeting	Cr Hederics	Video Conferencing
09 Jun 2020	MDA Region 4	Cr MacAllister, Cr Heywood, Cr Elstone	Video Conferencing
18 Jun 2020	Wentworth Shire Interagency Health Group	Cr MacAllister	Video Conferencing
26 Jun 2020	FWJO Tourism Projects Committee Meeting	General Manager	Video Conferencing
29 Jun 2020	Bottle Bend Reserve - Reserve Land Manager Meeting	Cr MacAllister	Video Conferencing
01 Jul 2020	Local Emergency Management Committee	General Manager	Video Conferencing
08 Jul 2020	Local Emergency Management Committee	General Manager	Video Conferencing

4. Other items of note

Attachments

1. OLG Circular 20-12 [↓](#)
2. OLG Circular 20-13 [↓](#)
3. OLG Circular 20-14 [↓](#)
4. OLG Circular 20-15 [↓](#)



Office of
Local Government

Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-12/ 17 April 2020 / A696830
Previous Circular	20-06 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Development Updates
Who should read this	General Managers / Finance, Governance and Integrated Planning and Reporting staff
Contact	Council Performance Team / 02 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to Implement

Modification of statutory requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

What's new or changing

- Regulations have been made under section 747B of the *Local Government Act 1993* to temporarily modify the application of the Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulations made under section 747B modify the Act as follows:
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What this will mean for your council

- The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an exceptional set of circumstances with unprecedented impacts. The NSW Government is committed to supporting local councils and their communities during this period of uncertainty.
- To provide NSW councils with flexibility to adjust to the rapidly shifting circumstances and to allow them to provide appropriate financial support to their local communities, a number of statutory deadlines for 2019-20 and 2020-21 have been modified. These are set out in the table below:

Section of LG Act	Prior deadline	New deadline
Submission of audited Financial Reports – 416(1)	31 October 2020	30 November 2020
Preparation and publish of Annual Reports – 428(1)	30 November 2020	31 December 2020

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Section of LG Act	Prior deadline	New deadline
Adoption of Operational Plan - 405(1)	By 1 July 2020	By 1 August 2020
Making of a rate or charge - 533	By 1 August 2020	By 1 September 2020
Date by which quarterly rates are payable - 562(3)(a)	31 August 2020	30 September 2020
Quarterly review statements (QBRs) - CI 203(1) of Regulation	The third quarter 2019-20 QBRs (currently due May 2020)	Third quarter QBRs - June 2020 . All future QBRs remain due as per Regulation.

- In exercising discretion to extend the making of a rate or charge under section 533 or the collection of rates under 562(3)(a) of the Act, each Council must consider both the financial circumstances of local ratepayers and the potential impact such actions would have on the general cashflow of Council.
- The Government recognises that there may be circumstances where adopting such extensions may not be appropriate or desirable for councils.
- Councils do not need to resolve to extend the date to adopt its Operational Plan, issue rates notices or collect the first rates instalment. A council may, however, choose to direct its General Manager to submit an Operational Plan for adoption prior to 1 July 2020 and to ensure that its rates and charges notices are served by 1 August 2020 (as is normally the case under legislation).
- Councils should also note that there are no changes to the provisions in the following table at this time. However, the Government is continuing to monitor the broader strategic and operating environment for local councils.

Section	Ongoing requirement
405(2)	Councils Operational Plan must include a statement of a council's revenue policy
405(3)	Council must give public notice of draft Operational Plan for not less than 28 days
405(6)	Council must post a copy of its Operational Plan on website within 28 days after the plan is adopted

Extension of the ability of councils to waive or reduce fees

- The application of section 610E of the Act has been broadened to allow councils to waive or reduce fees under a newly established "COVID-19" category, which has been added to the Regulation.
- This means that councils can immediately apply the waiver or reduction without establishing a new category or going through the normal public notice requirements of section 610E(2) for adding new categories.
- Councils may choose to apply such a waiver or reduction, for example, in cases where a business has seen significantly reduced income as a result of COVID-19. The application of any such waiver or reduction of fees is voluntary and is decision for each council based on local circumstances.
- Councils do not need to resolve to waive or reduce fees under the "COVID-19" category if the existing powers delegated to the General Manager include the power to determine a new category in which a council may waive or reduce fees.

Modification of requirements for councils to make certain documents available for inspection

- Under the regulations, the requirements under the Act for councils to make documents physically available for inspection will be satisfied if:

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- in the case of a document that is “open access information” for the purposes of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (the GIPA Act), the information contained in the document is published on the council’s website and is made available on request in an electronic form or in such other manner determined by the council.
- in the case of a document that is not “open access information” for the purposes of the GIPA Act, the information contained in the document is made available on request in an electronic form or in such other manner determined by the council.

Removal of newspaper advertising requirements under the Regulation

- To alleviate the red tape burden on councils and to reduce their costs, amendments have also been made to the Regulation to remove remaining requirements for notices to be published in newspapers.
- Councils are now instead required to publish notices on their websites and in such other manner that they consider necessary to bring it to the notice of the local community or other interested persons.

Key points

- Regulations may be made under section 747B to modify the application of the Act for the purposes of responding to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Regulations may only be made under section 747B if:
 - Parliament is not currently sitting and is not likely to sit within 2 weeks after the day the regulations are made, and
 - the arrangements made by the provisions of the regulations are in accordance with advice issued by the Minister for Health and Medical Research or the Chief Health Officer, and
 - the regulations are reasonable to protect the health, safety and welfare of persons.
- Regulations made under section 747B automatically expire after 6 months or earlier if decided by the Parliament.

Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Performance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au.



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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-13 / 22 April 2020 / A698229
Previous Circular	20-06 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Development Updates
Who should read this	General Managers / Council governance staff
Contact	Council Governance Team / (02) 4428 4100 / olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Information

Managing fraud and corruption risks during the COVID-19 pandemic

What's new or changing?

- Councils have been required to dramatically change the way they function in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Councils are also increasingly turning to web conferencing systems to connect online and to share and transfer files and information.
- Two new resources have been issued to assist Government agencies (including councils) to manage the fraud and corruption risks associated with these changes to their operations:
 - the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption's (ICAC) [Managing corrupt conduct during the COVID-19 outbreak](#), and
 - the Australian Cyber Security Centre's [Web Conferencing Security](#).
- Councils are encouraged to consider these resources and to make any necessary changes to their operations and internal control framework in response to the guidance provided in them.

Key points

- The risks of opportunistic and systemic fraud and corruption can become more prevalent during periods of significant disruption such as the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- To assist agencies to address this risk, ICAC has issued *Managing corrupt conduct during the COVID-19 outbreak*. This provides guidance on fraud and corruption risks associated with:
 - working from home
 - procurement and purchasing
 - cyber fraud and online hoaxes, and
 - stimulus funding and new programs.
- The Australian Cyber Security Centre has also issued guidance on *Web Conferencing Security*. This provides guidance on the use of online web conferencing and collaboration tools and the management of associated privacy, security and legal risks.

Where to go for further information

- *Managing corrupt conduct during the COVID-19 outbreak* is available [here](#).
- *Web Conferencing Security* is available [here](#).
- Councils can subscribe to the Australian Cyber Security Centre's Stay Smart Online Alert Service [here](#) for automatic updates on emerging online security threats.
- Email Mr Lewis Rangott, Executive Director, Corruption Prevention, ICAC, at lrangott@icac.nsw.gov.au for more information about how to manage fraud and corruption risks in your council.
- Report any suspicion of fraud or corruption to ICAC at icac@icac.nsw.gov.au.

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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-14 / 27 April 2020 / A700129
Previous Circular	20-09 <i>Compliance with social distancing requirements to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus at council and committee meetings</i>
Who should read this	Councillors / General Managers / Council governance staff
Contact	Council Governance Team/ 02 4428 4100/ olg@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Council to Implement

Updated guidance on attendance by councillors and others at council and committee meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic

What's new or changing?

- Since [Circular 20-09](#), (*Compliance with social distancing requirements to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus at council and committee meetings*), was issued on 25 March 2020, the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP (the Minister), issued a further Public Health Order on 30 March 2020.
- The *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020* (the Public Health Order) contains a "stay at home" direction.
- The "stay at home" direction operates to limit the ability of councillors and others to leave their homes for the purpose of physically attending council and committee meetings where the council has or can make alternative arrangements for remote attendance by an audio-visual link.

What this will mean for your council

- Minister Hazzard has directed under clause 5 of the Public Health Order that a person must not, without reasonable excuse, leave the person's place of residence.
- A reasonable excuse includes doing an activity specified by Schedule 1 of the Order. Clause 2 of Schedule 1 refers to "*travelling for the purposes of work if the person cannot work from the person's place of residence*" as a "reasonable excuse".
- This means that where a council has or can make arrangements for councillors to attend meetings remotely by an audio-visual link, councillors who leave their homes to physically attend meetings may potentially be in breach of the Minister for Health's direction under clause 5 of the Public Health Order.
- Where any or all councillors and any other persons (ie key staff whose attendance is required at the meeting) are not able to attend meetings remotely by an audio-visual link, (eg because they do not have access to the necessary technology or internet coverage to allow them to do so), they could continue to be permitted to physically attend meetings subject to compliance with the social distancing requirements described in circular 20-09.
- Mayors may also be permitted to physically attend the council chamber or another venue for the purposes of chairing a meeting where they cannot reasonably or effectively do so via an audio-visual link.

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- It is unlikely that members of the public will be permitted to leave their homes under clause 5 of the Public Health Order for the purposes of attending council or committee meetings.
- Councils should make alternative arrangements for members of the public to make submissions to councillors at public forums or in relation to the proposed closure of meetings to the public. For example, submissions could be made to councillors via an audio-visual link or in writing instead of in person.

Key points

- A failure to comply with a direction in a Public Health Order is an offence under Section 10 of the *Public Health Act 2010* that carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 6 months or a fine of up to \$ 11,000 (or both) plus a further \$5,500 fine each day the offence continues.

Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.
- The Public Health Order is available [here](#).
- More information on the “stay at home” direction is available [here](#).
- For more specific guidance on compliance with the Public Health Order, contact the NSW Police Force.



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Circular to Councils

Circular Details	20-15 / 1 May 2020 / A700190
Previous Circular	
Who should read this	General Managers, Governance and Integrated Planning and Reporting staff
Contact	Council Engagement Team / 02 4428 4100
Action required	Council to Implement

New Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements for NSW councils

What's new or changing

- This circular provides advice to councils in relation to their Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) requirements until the next local government elections.

What this will mean for your council

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Cycle

- The existing Delivery Program will apply for a further 12 months, maintaining the key themes and any activities not yet completed. Where additional activities are proposed that are significantly different to those identified in the existing Delivery Program, the usual public exhibition requirements will apply.
- Councils will have adopted their 2019-20 Operational Plan and should continue to operate under this plan until 31 July 2020. Note the timing is extended to allow councils additional time to prepare their 2020-21 Operational Plan because of extenuating circumstances under the COVID-19 emergency.
- A new Operational Plan (2020-21) must be developed for adoption by 1 August 2020, reflecting the existing Delivery Program.
- In preparing for the next annual Operational Plan (for the 2020-21 period), councils should take the following approach:
 - The existing Community Strategic Plan remains in place as a valid reference document
 - The existing Resourcing Strategy remains in place, with the long-term financial plan being annually reviewed, as usual.
- Once the deferred election is conducted, council will commence its next cycle of Integrated Planning and Reporting.
- Any planned measurement and recording of progress towards the achievement of the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan can proceed and be used to inform the next Integrated Planning and Reporting cycle.

Exhibition of Documents

- Standard exhibition periods, including the requirements relating to the Statement of Revenue Policy, apply.
- IP&R documents can be published on council's website and made available for inspection electronically or in such other form as determined by the council.

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Annual Report

- The time for the preparation and publishing of 2019-20 annual reports has been extended until 31 December 2020. The annual reporting requirements for 2020-21 will continue as usual, with 2020-21 annual reports due to be published by 30 November 2021.

End of term reporting

- End of term reporting is deferred in line with the election cycle. Further information will be provided closer to the rescheduled election in 2021.

Where to go for further information

- Please contact your council's Council Engagement Manager with any questions.



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9.2 DROUGHT COMMUNITIES EXTENSION PROGRAMME

File Number: RPT/20/284

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Report Author: Ken Ross - General Manager

Summary

Council is eligible to access up to \$1,000,000 to support local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects for communities that have been impacted by drought. The funds have been made available under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Program.

Funding will target infrastructure and other projects that:

- Provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought
- Stimulate local economy spending
- Use local resources, business and suppliers
- Provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

With the criteria in mind it is proposed that the following projects be put forward for approval from the funding body.

- Painting Pooncarie Hall
- Painting Anabranche Hall
- Modifications to Pomona Hall
- Willow Bend Caravan Park Camp Kitchen
- Pooncarie Racecourse Extended shade area
- Pooncarie Walking track to camp ground (1.5m spray seal x 900m)
- Pooncarie Racecourse toilet/shower block
- Bird hides along camp ground and river in Pooncarie(2x)
- Concreting at Pooncarie Gun Club
- Wentworth RV Dump Point
- Dareton Town Entry tree corridor
- Electrical Upgrades to Council Reserves at Junction Park, Wentworth Rowing Club, Dareton and Buronga to allow for 3 phase power for functions and events
- Gol Gol Pathways
- Buronga Pathways

The above list is simplified for the purpose of this summary with the expanded list and approximate costing within the attachment.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the nominated projects (as listed) to be submitted for consideration under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Program.

Detailed Report

Eligible activities must directly relate to the project and can include:

- Repairs, maintenance, upgrading or building new community facilities;
- Repairs, maintenance, upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces;
- Employing local contractors to undertake repairs and maintenance;
- Holding events; and
- Undertaking other drought relief activities (including water carting for human consumption)

The department may also approve other drought relief activities that benefit the community.

Nominated projects must meet at least one of the following project requirements:

- The project is expected to lead to the employment of locals;
- The project is expected to contribute to the economic activity of communities/regions
- The project is expected to lead to the retention of business, services and facilities

The intended outcomes of the program are to:

- Increase employment in regions by providing work for locals and/or farmers and farm labourers/staff/contractors whose employment opportunities have been affected by drought
- Improve levels of economic activity in regions
- Increase productivity in regions
- Enable better retention of business, services and facilities.

The minimum grant amount per application is \$25,000 and applications can include multiple unrelated activities up to the total funding amount of \$1,000,000.

Projects must be completed by 31 December 2020.

The nominated projects can satisfy some of the criteria and accordingly are put forward for consideration by Council.

Conclusion

The nominated list of projects has been compiled in consultation with community groups and Councillors. The list is seen to deliver on the desirable outcomes of the funding body and accordingly recommended for endorsement by council and put forward to the funding body for approval.

Attachments

1. Proposed Drought Projects - Federal Drought Funding [↓](#)

FEDERAL DROUGHT FUNDING PROPOSAL

Project	Proposed Budget	Project Description	Funding Body Feedback
Painting Pooncarie Hall	\$ 25,000	Prepare and paint all surfaces of Pooncarie hall both inside and outside	Eligible
Painting Anabranche Hall	\$ 20,000	Prepare and paint all internal surfaces of the Annabranche hall.	Eligible
Modifications to Pomona Hall	\$ 30,000	This is a retrospective application to claim monies that have been expended on additional works including exterior concrete paths, stainless steel benches and internal layout change to the kitchen area to complete the project.	Eligible
Willow Bend Caravan Park Camp Kitchen	\$ 130,000	Provide new camp kitchen facilities to the Willow Bend Caravan Park.	Eligible
Pooncarie Racecourse Extended shade area	\$ 20,000	An extension to the existing shaded area to cater for the expanding patrons for the regular events held at the racecourse.	Eligible
Pooncarie Walking track to camp ground (1.5m spray seal x 900m)	\$ 60,000	To provide connectivity between the riverfront camp ground and the town centre via the school.	Eligible
Pooncarie Racecourse toilet/shower block	\$ 120,000	A needed facility to provide adequate facilities for race meetings field days, motor sport rallies and other opportunities	Eligible
Bird hides along camp ground and river in Pooncarie(2x)	\$ 20,000	A requested item to provide another diverse tourism idea to bring birdwatchers to Pooncarie.	Eligible
Concreting at Pooncarie Gun Club	\$ 40,000	Provide concrete paths to facilitate disabled access to the shooting range.	Eligible
Wentworth RV Dump Point	\$ 50,000	This would be an RV/Motorhome sewerage dump point to increase community facilities and encourage visitors to the town thereby supporting community growth, profitability and community satisfaction.	Eligible

FEDERAL DROUGHT FUNDING PROPOSAL

Dareton Town Entry tree corridor	\$ 50,000	To improve entrance to Dareton from Buronga	Eligible
Electrical Upgrades to Council Reserves at Junction Park, Wentworth Rowing Club, Dareton and Buronga to allow for 3 phase power for functions and events	\$ 140,000	This project is to provide suitable power throughout selected Council managed reserves to enable events to be conducted with an expanded catering and entertainment opportunities.	Eligible
Gol Gol Pathways	\$ 155,000	Construction of a Shared User Path (Concrete) with a width of 2.5m and total length 470m along the South side of Wood St from Bligh Street to Tapio St, Gol Gol	Eligible
Buronga Pathways	\$ 140,000	Construction of a Shared User Path (Concrete) with a width of 2.5m and total length 450m along the South side of Pitman Avenue from Rose Street to Melaleuca Steet, Buronga	Eligible
TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000		

9.3 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTABLE BUILDINGS

File Number: RPT/20/308

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire
 Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

The opportunity has arisen for Council to purchase, if deemed suitable, 4 relocatable buildings which are currently being used for on farm accommodation. The 4 buildings consist of kitchen/ dining, sleeping (2) and ablution.

The buildings are available for sale due to the property being sold and accordingly available on the open market. The asking price for the buildings is \$165,000.

Recommendation

1. That Council approves the purchase of 4 relocatable buildings for the price of \$165,000, which includes the acquisition of a camp kitchen and ablution block buildings with the purchase price being offset via a \$65,000 grant application through the Federal Drought Extension Fund.
2. That Council approves a budget variation of \$100,000 in the current financial year to fund the shortfall between the purchase price and Federal Drought Extension Fund.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the purchase of 4 pre-owned transportable buildings which may be suitable to utilize for the delivery of some projects.

Background

Through a local advertisement the subject buildings were highlighted with project delivery in mind. A subsequent inspection of the buildings was undertaken and the potential realised for possible utilization in three project areas of Council managed facilities.

The make-up of the buildings may be suited to a camp kitchen in the Willow Bend Caravan Park, ablutions block for the Pooncarie Race Track and possible site offices for the remote waste management sites.

Matters under consideration

In considering the purchase of these buildings it is considered viable that two projects could be funded through the Federal Drought Extension grant. These would be the camp kitchen at Willow Bend Caravan Park and the ablution block at the Pooncarie Race Track. These two projects would require the relocation to the respective site and make good to the disconnected services.

The remaining two buildings would not fit directly into Councils projects but could do so with some modifications. An item that was in this years' budget was to provide improved facilities for the Waste Team members at the remote waste facility sites, however a subsequent budget variation withdrew this project from the operational plan.

The buildings are not being sold separately and so the consideration of Council is that of a purchase of all 4 buildings for a price of \$165,000.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

Purchase the subject buildings;

OR

Do not purchase the subject buildings

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The buildings are for sale on the open market and accordingly Council may purchase the items for the benefit of the community. The purchase would deliver on some of the projects identified within the delivery program and financially the purchase could be offset by way of successful grant application through the Federal Drought extension Fund.

Conclusion

This report is based on opportunity expedite the delivery of some projects previously identified within the delivery program.

The purchase price of \$165,000 could be co-funded with assistance to be sought via a Federal Drought Extension Fund application together with a budget variation of \$100,000 in the current year's operational plan.

Attachments

Nil

9.4 NSW LOCKS 8 AND 9 SDLAM PROJECT STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP (SAG)

File Number: RPT/20/244

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Gayle Marsden - Executive Assistant

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets
 Strategy: 3.5 Recognise the importance of a healthy Murray-Darling River system

Summary

The NSW Department of Industry has invited Wentworth Shire Council to become a member of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG).

Recommendation

That Council considers whether to become a member of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and if so, appoint a delegate.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an outline of the role of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and for Council to consider whether to become a member of the advisory group and if so, appoint a delegate.

Background

The NSW Department of Industry is currently in the project planning and development phase of the Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project. The Locks 8 and 9 project involves a suite of works, including:

- Locks 8 and 9 Weir Pool Manipulation;
- System connectivity of Carrs, Capitts and Bunberoo Creeks; and,
- Construction of a fish passage at the Frenchmans Creek inlet regulator.

Report Detail

The primary functions of the SAG include (but are not limited to):

- provide a forum for community, industry, government, interested parties and scientific consultants to come together to explore issues pertaining to the Locks 8 and 9 project.
- provide consultation throughout project development to ensure the delivery of triple-bottom-line outcomes – environmental, economic and social outcomes for affected communities.
- provide a link between the local community and stakeholders with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
- provide opinion / advice on documents, options and alternatives at various stages of project development and delivery.
- provide a focus and a forum for the discussion of technical, social, economic and ecological issues, and for the distillation of possibly different views.
- identify and advise on any opportunities, emergent issues or risks to the project.

The SAG proposes to meet each quarter, the first meeting was held in February 2020 and it is proposed the next meeting will be held in late May/early June (pending COVID-19 advice).

Conclusion

Council is required to consider whether to become a member of the NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and if so, appoint a delegate.

Attachments

1. Draft TOR NSW Locks 8 and 9 SDLAM project Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) [↓](#)

Stakeholder Advisory Group – Locks 8 & 9

Terms of Reference

SDLAM – Murray sub-program

Terms of Reference (ToR)

What is the purpose?

A Terms of Reference (ToR) defines the operation of a committee or advisory group. It can include an outline of the purpose and structure, membership, scope of outcomes, as well as provide detail and clarity on the operational elements of the group and how it wishes to function.

This ToR is designed to assist the Locks 8 & 9 Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) formed to support the Locks 8 & 9 SDLAM Project; including the suite of works proposed at Locks 8 and 9, Frenchman's Creek and Carrs, Capitts and Bunberoo Creeks.

The ToR will be agreed by the group, providing a roadmap for meetings and engagement, and can be revised at any time with endorsement by all members.

Introduction

Sustainable Diversion Limit – Murray sub-program – Locks 8 & 9 Project

The Basin Plan sets limits on the amount of water that can be used by communities and industries, so there's enough water for natural systems. These are called Sustainable Diversion Limits (SDL). These limits can be adjusted in a number of ways, such as better delivery of water for the environment and by improving water efficiency on farms. This is called the Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM). This means that more water can remain in the Murray–Darling system for productive use.

The SDL adjustment mechanism (SDLAM) operates across the southern connected Murray–Darling Basin. Collectively NSW, Victoria and South Australia have proposed 36 projects that will reduce recovery required to achieve the SDL by 605GL. The Locks 8 & 9 Project (the Project) is one of 22 projects that NSW is either leading or is a co-proponent on with other states.

Extensive consultation throughout the planning, design and implementation processes will occur to ensure communities have a chance to contribute local knowledge to the project's design and delivery options as the NSW Government delivers on its obligations under the Basin Plan.

The Locks 8 & 9 Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) will form one of four consultative groups associated with this suite of works associated with the Locks 8 and 9 project, which also include:

- Locks 8 & 9 Technical Advisory Group
- Locks 8 & 9 Aboriginal Advisory Group
- Weir Pool Manipulation Working Group (inter-jurisdictional)

This document is the Terms of Reference for the Locks 8 & 9 Stakeholder Advisory Group.

Function

What are the functions of the SAG?

The primary functions of the SAG include (but are not limited to):

- provide a forum for community, industry, government, interested parties and scientific consultants to come together to explore issues pertaining to the Locks 8 & 9 project.
- provide consultation throughout project development to ensure the delivery of triple-bottom-line outcomes – environmental, economic and social outcomes for affected communities.

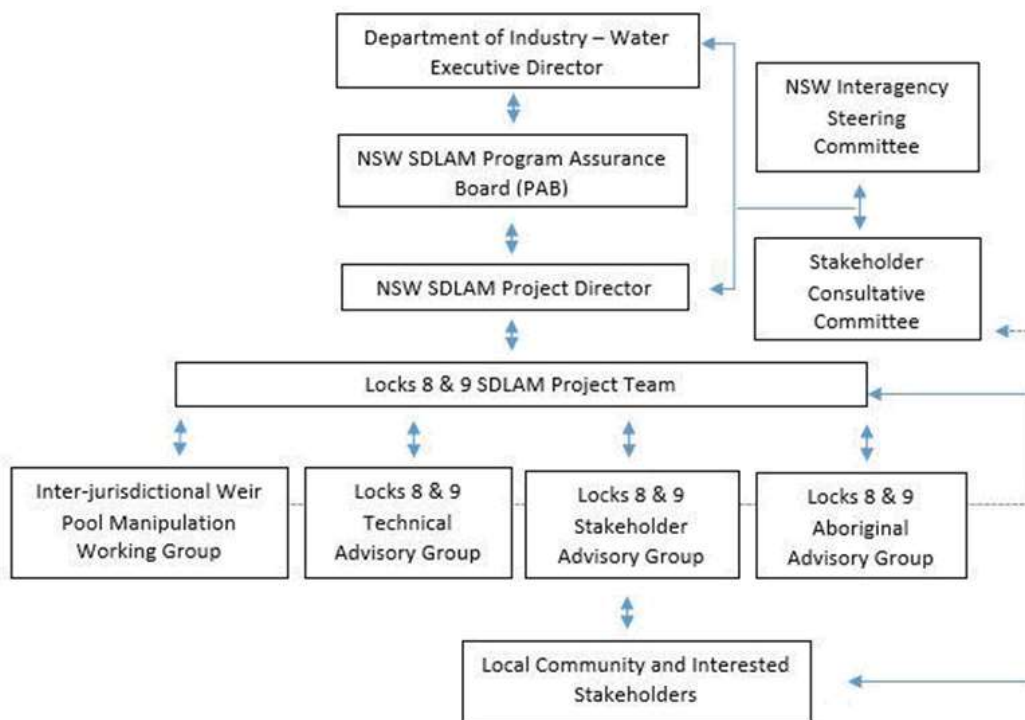
Stakeholder Advisory Group – Locks 8 & 9

Terms of Reference

SDLAM – Murray sub-program

- provide a link between the local community and stakeholders with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
- provide opinion / advice on documents, options and alternatives at various stages of project development and delivery.
- provide a focus and a forum for the discussion of technical, social, economic and ecological issues, and for the distillation of possibly different views.
- identify and advise on any opportunities, emergent issues or risks to the Project.

Project Governance



Membership

Who are the SAG?

- Membership of the Locks 8 & 9 SAG will be determined by the Department in collaboration with stakeholders.
- The size of the SAG should be kept to the minimum necessary to ensure adequate representation of interested parties and expert contributions.
- Requests for membership will be considered by the SAG with regard to the agreed ToR.

Stakeholder Advisory Group – Locks 8 & 9

Terms of Reference

SDLAM – Murray sub-program

- It may be appropriate at times for the SAG to invite others to serve on the SAG for a specified period of time where that person will be expected to provide specialist technical advice.
- It may be appropriate at times to invite non-SAG members to sit on the SAG for a short period of time if that person can provide specialist advice on a particular issue.
- Resignation from the Locks 8 & 9 SAG may be rendered at any time in writing to the Department representative or SAG coordinator.
- The term of SAG is until completion of Phase 1 of the Locks 8 & 9 SDLAM project which is currently scheduled for completion by 30 June 2021.

Responsibility of Members

What are SAG member's responsibilities?

- Regularly attend SAG meetings.
- Notify the Department representative or SAG coordinator if you are unable to attend a meeting or if a proxy will attend in your place.
- Participate and contribute as appropriate in workshops and meetings to help achieve project objectives.
- Inform the committee on any arising issues or information that could impact the project.
- Represent the views of the organisation, group or community represented.

What are the Department's responsibilities?

- Ensure that SAG meetings are scheduled regularly as per the ToR.
- Ensure SAG members are informed of project progress, issues, investigations and all relevant project information.
- Distribute minutes and relevant project reports to members.
- Review the structure and membership of the SAG annually.

Coordination

Who will coordinate the SAG meetings?

Coordination of the Stakeholder Advisory Group will be administered by the Chair, who will be supported by the Executive Support.

The Chair will be the Principal Project Officer, Darling/Murray (Brad Hollis). The Chair's responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Ensure the Agenda is followed;
- Ensure meetings are conducted in an orderly way;
- Administer meetings consistent with this ToR;
- Ensure that all members are afforded an opportunity to speak;
- Review and QA Minutes prior to broader distribution;
- Ensure specific motions are accurately capture.

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Executive Support:

The Senior Project Officer, SDL Weir Pool Manipulation (Kate McWhinney) will provide Executive Support to the Chair, including (but not limited to):

- schedule meetings;
- event management;
- prepare agendas and collate business papers;
- distribution of meeting papers;
- capture and distribute meeting minutes;
- assist the chair with planning future meetings and securing any guest speakers.

Code of Conduct

SAG members must comply with the code of conduct

The Stakeholder Advisory Group is made up of a diverse range of community members and stakeholders.

In order to ensure a functional and effective forum, all members are to comply with the code of conduct.

SAG members must take note of the below code of conduct:

- SAG meetings are intended to be cooperative forums where stakeholders are given the opportunity to voice their ideas and initiate open discussions relating to the project;
- SAG members must declare any conflicts of interest prior to membership or as soon as possible if such interests become evident;
- SAG meetings are to be conducted in a professional, efficient and constructive manner.

Meetings

How will meetings and the governance operate?

- Meetings are proposed to be held once per quarter as a minimum.
- Members will be notified in writing of the meeting date, time and location at least two week prior to the meeting.
- Meetings will be held between 10am and 3pm on week days.
- Scientific consultants may be invited to meetings to present the results of project investigations and assessments to the SAG members.
- The frequency of meetings will depend on the project status and urgency of issues being addressed.
- At least six members must be present for a SAG meeting to proceed.
- When possible, an agenda and meeting papers will be distributed at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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- SAG members are welcome to add or request changes to the agenda as long as this is done, where possible, 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes must be taken at each meeting and distributed to SAG members within 14 days.
- Minutes must include the below items:
 - Date, location and time of meeting
 - Present members and other invited persons
 - Topics and/or issues discussed, decisions and recommendations made
 - Actions (including person responsible and agreed timeframe)
 - Details of the next meeting
- Minutes will be endorsed by the SAG at the next meeting
- Once endorsed by the SAG, minutes will be made publicly available by the Department upon request.

Decisions

- The SAG Chair will seek a consensus on key issues during meetings. If no consensus can be reached, alternate views will be noted in the minutes.
- Sometimes, it may be necessary to make decisions outside of a session (e.g. email).

Expenses

- The Department will pay for reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by SAG members to attend meetings or workshops.
- No sitting fees are payable for SAG members.

Confidentiality and Media Enquiries

- Sensitive discussions and confidential information discussed in SAG meetings should not be discussed with individuals outside of the SAG membership, unless approved by the SAG and noted in the meeting minutes.

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Terms of Reference

SDLAM – Murray sub-program

Members

Proposed Locks 8 & 9 SAG membership

Organisation	Person	Email	Phone
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment	Kate McWhinney	kate.mcwhinney@dpi.nsw.gov.au	0417 081 351
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Barkandji Native Title Group Aboriginal Corporation (Tar-Ru lands)	Derek Hardman	Barkandjiceo@gmail.com	0437 832 620
	Kenny Clark	Kenny3500@hotmail.com	0417 592 593
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Landholder (NSW)	Phil Baird		
Landholder (VIC)	Ivan Robertson	idrobertson@bigpond.com	0428 147 288
Landholder (VIC)	Jim Pippin		
Wingillie Station	Ken Warren	Ken.warren2@bigpond.com	0427 260 257

9.5 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/230

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Vanessa Lock - Finance Officer

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Rates and Charges collections for the month of April 2020 were \$261,950.92. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 75.47%. For comparison purposes 76.53% of the levy had been collected at the end of April 2019. Council currently has \$26,715,229.30 in cash and investments.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly finance report.

Detailed Report

The purpose of this report is to indicate to Council the position in relation to the rate of collections and the balance of cash books.

Reconciliation and Balance of Funds held as at 30 April 2020

The reconciliation has been carried out between the Cash Book of each fund and the Bank Pass Sheet as at 30 April 2020.

	Combined Bank Account
Cash Balance as at 1 April 2020	\$ 2,439,054.96
Add: Receipts for the Period Ending 30 April 2020	\$ 3,394,589.58
Rates, Debtors, Miscellaneous	
Less: Payments for the Period Ending 30 April 2020	
Cash Book entries for this Month	\$ 3,118,415.24
Cash Balance at at 30 April 2020	\$ 2,715,229.30
Investments	
Total Investments as at 30 April 2020	\$ 24,000,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,715,229.30

Collection of Rates and Charges

Rates and Charges collections for the month of April 2020 were \$261,950.92. After allowing for pensioner subsidies, the total levies collected are now 75.47%. A summary of the Rates and Charges situation as at 30 April 2020 is as follows:

	Rates and Charges	
Levies		
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2019 - Rates	1,048,851.71	
Balance Outstanding at 30 June 2019 - Water (Jan-June 2019)	913,670.40	
Rates and Charges Levied 24 July 2019	8,808,110.28	\$ 10,770,632.39
+ Additional Water Charges	877,372.40	
+ Supplementary Rates and Charges	101,550.70	
+ Additional Charges	91,874.44	
- Credit Adjustments	12,348.26	
- Abandonments	1,273.88	\$ 11,827,807.79
Deductions		
- Payments	8,751,917.48	
- Less Refunds of Payments	8,731.59	\$ 8,743,185.89
		\$ 3,084,621.90
- Pensioner Subsidy		
Government Subsidy	100,850.21	
Council Subsidy	82,507.70	\$ 183,357.91
Total Rates/Water Charges Outstanding		\$ 2,901,263.99

Note: For comparison purposes 76.53% of the levy had been collected at the end of April 2019.

Rates/Water write offs and adjustments

No rates or charges have been written off under the delegated authority of the General Manager for the month of April 2020.

Council Loans Report

Name	Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Loan Amount	Amount Outstanding	Due Date
Loan 201	National Australia Bank	Buronga Landfill	4.550% Fixed	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 499,795.34	30/01/2025
Loan 202	ANZ Bank	Civic Centre	3.470% Fixed	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 712,187.40	21/10/2026
Loan 203	National Australia Bank	Midway Centre	3.586% Fixed	\$ 1,900,000.00	\$ 1,763,276.60	28/04/2023
Loan 204	Bendigo Bank	Buronga Landfill	5.290% Fixed	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,364,372.70	12/05/2037
				TOTAL	\$ 4,339,632.04	

Overtime and Travelling

Month	Apr-19	Pay Periods	2			
Overtime						
	Time and a Half		Double Time		Double Time and Half	
Department	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount
Animal Services	8.00	\$ 362.24				
Civil Works	2.00	\$ 93.78	3.00	\$ 180.93		
Finance	5.50	\$ 293.36				
Human Services	26.50	\$ 2,312.79	29.50	\$ 3,432.82	4.00	\$ 581.84
Parks & Gardens	8.00	\$ 399.14	15.00	\$ 956.24	5.50	\$ 496.81
Roads - Council	72.50	\$ 3,374.87	26.75	\$ 2,031.93		
Roads - RMS	14.00	\$ 676.00	20.00	\$ 1,156.77		
Tourism	8.50	\$ 333.00				
Waste Management	35.00	\$ 1,476.07	23.00	\$ 1,452.81	8.50	\$ 511.18
Water & Waste Water	45.00	\$ 2,069.33	65.00	\$ 3,622.84	17.00	\$ 1,416.56
Total	225.00	\$11,390.58	182.25	\$12,834.34	35.00	\$ 3,006.39
Travel Allowance						
Department	Kms	Amount				
Health & Planning	555	\$ 432.90				
Total	555	\$ 432.90				
Grand Total		27,664.21				

Conclusion

The report indicates to Council that its finances are in a favourable position.

Attachments

Nil

9.6 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

File Number: RPT/20/258

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy

Responsible Division: Finance and Policy

Reporting Officer: Hodi Beauliv - Manager Finance

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

As at 30 April 2020 Council had \$24,000,000.00 invested in term deposits. Council received \$38,103.58 from its investments for the month of April 2020.

In April 2020 Council investments averaged a rate of return of 1.57% and it currently has \$8,466,832.09 of internal restrictions and \$16,142,547.41 of external restrictions.

Recommendation

That Council notes the monthly investment report.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the current status of its investments.

Matters under consideration

As at 30 April 2020 Council had \$26,715,229.30 invested with eight financial institutions.

Breakdown of Total Funds Available

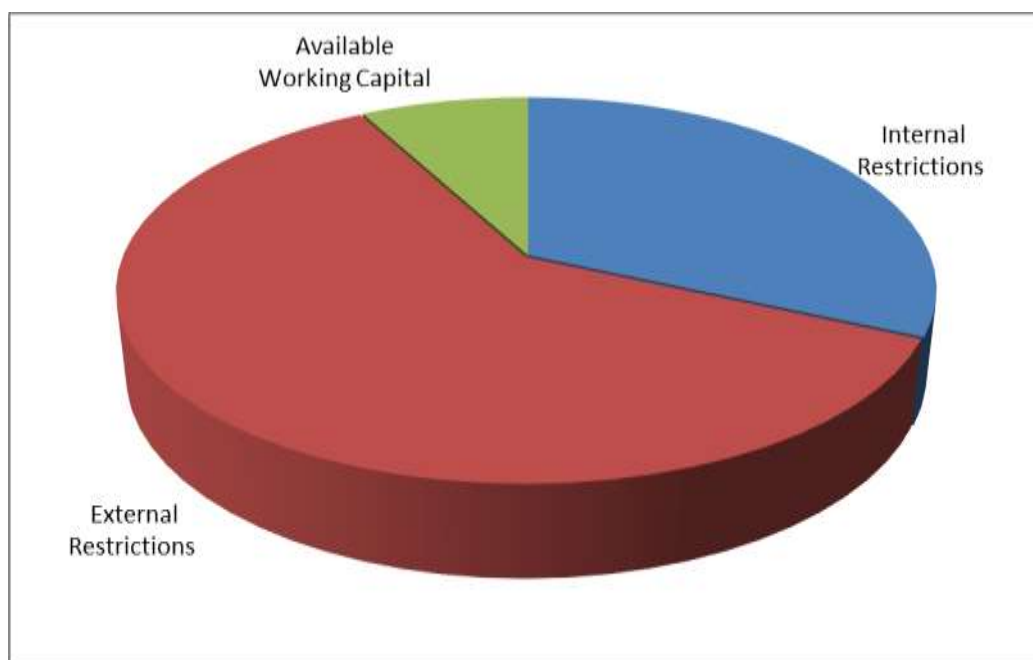
Financial Institution	Amount	Percentage of Available Funds
AMP	\$ 6,000,000.00	22.46%
Bank of Queensland	\$ 4,000,000.00	14.97%
Bendigo Bank	\$ 5,715,229.30	21.39%
IMB Bank	\$ 2,000,000.00	7.49%
Macquarie Bank	\$ 3,000,000.00	11.23%
Members Equity Bank	\$ 2,000,000.00	7.49%
National Australia Bank	\$ 3,000,000.00	11.23%
Westpac Banking Corporation	\$ 1,000,000.00	3.74%
	\$ 26,715,229.30	100.00%

Investments on Hand as at 30 April

Wentworth Shire Council						
Investments on Hand as at 30 April 2020						
Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Investment Type	Amount Invested	Rating
AMP (10)	9/04/2020	7/01/2021	1.85%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (2)	7/11/2019	7/05/2020	1.75%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (5)	24/03/2020	22/09/2020	1.80%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (6)	14/04/2020	13/10/2020	1.85%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (7)	25/11/2019	25/05/2020	1.90%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
AMP (9)	13/11/2019	13/05/2020	1.80%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (6)	23/04/2020	22/10/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (7)	17/03/2020	13/08/2020	1.45%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (8)	4/02/2020	3/06/2020	1.48%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bank of Queensland (9)	26/02/2020	26/08/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (10)	3/04/2020	31/07/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (7)	29/04/2020	29/09/2020	0.95%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
Bendigo Bank (9)	21/02/2020	19/08/2020	1.45%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB+
IMB Bank	6/03/2020	9/06/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
IMB Bank (2)	19/02/2020	20/05/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Macquarie Bank	12/02/2020	10/06/2020	1.60%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1/A+
Macquarie Bank (2)	5/03/2020	2/07/2020	1.70%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1/A+
Macquarie Bank (3)	16/04/2020	16/07/2020	1.60%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Members Equity Bank	24/02/2020	26/08/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A2/BBB
Members Equity Bank (10)	15/01/2020	16/06/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (1)	9/03/2020	9/06/2020	1.40%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (3)	2/03/2020	30/06/2020	1.40%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
National Australia Bank (5)	11/03/2020	9/06/2020	1.37%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
Westpac Banking Corporation	20/02/2020	19/06/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	A1+/AA-
Total					\$ 24,000,000.00	
Operating Account					\$ 2,715,229.30	
Total Funds Available					\$ 26,715,229.30	
Representing:						
- Internal Restrictions						
- Employee Entitlements				\$ 2,376,437.00		
- Doubtful Debts				\$ 48,595.00		
- Tip Remediation				\$ 1,372,493.54		
- Future Development Reserve				\$ 1,113,213.94		
- Trust Account				\$ 356,092.61		
- Capital Projects				\$ 1,000,000.00		
- Plant Replacement Reserve				\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ 8,466,832.09	
- External Restrictions						
- Water Fund				\$ 9,102,296.71		
- Sewer Fund				\$ 2,306,999.47		
- Developer Contributions Reserve				\$ 619,065.20		
- Domestic Waste Management Reserve				\$ 104,796.78		
- Unexpended Grants				\$ 3,165,020.56		
- Crown Reserves Reserve				\$ 333,116.80		
- Loan Guarantee Reserve				\$ 10,774.04		
- Prepayments Cemeteries				\$ 500,477.85	\$ 16,142,547.41	
- Day to Day Liquidity					\$ 2,105,849.80	
Total Funds Available					\$ 26,715,229.30	

Note: Ratings provided are from Moody's and Standard & Poors Rating Agencies

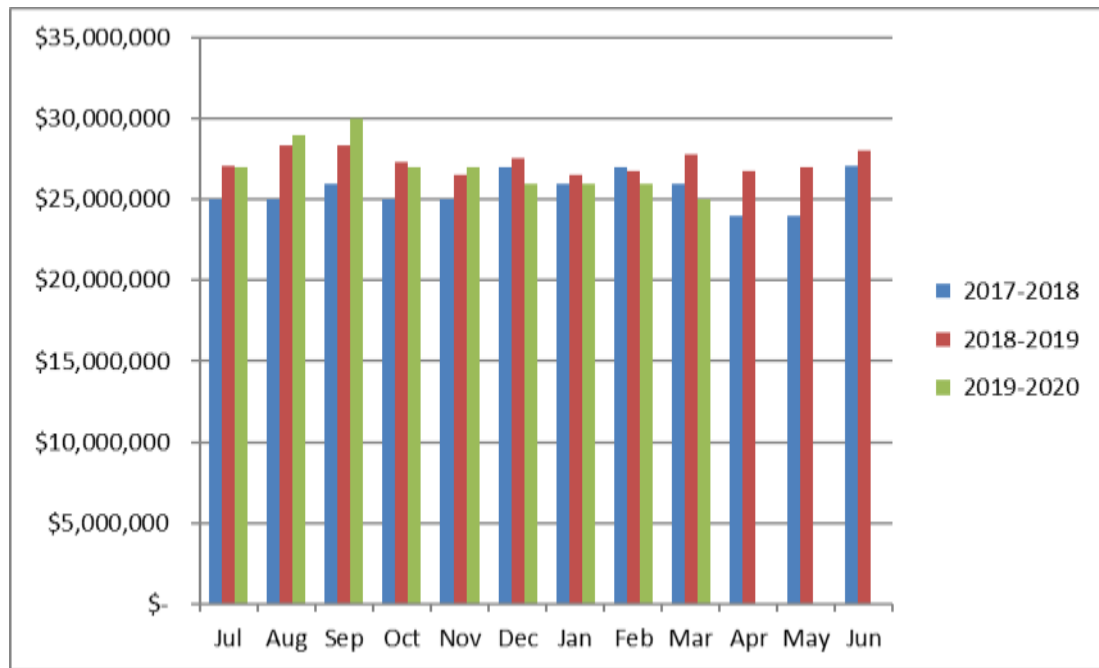
Breakdown



Summary – Unexpended Grants as at 30 April 2020

Grant	Amount
Block Grant	\$1,388,692.36
Roads to Recovery	\$0.00
Pooncarie Weir	\$77,746.00
RFS R & M Grant 2011-2018	\$260,923.00
Financial Assistance Grant 2019/20 Received in Advance	\$771,097.25
Drought Communities Programme	\$45,121.60
Stronger Country Communities Fund	\$0.00
Total	\$2,543,580.21

Total funds invested

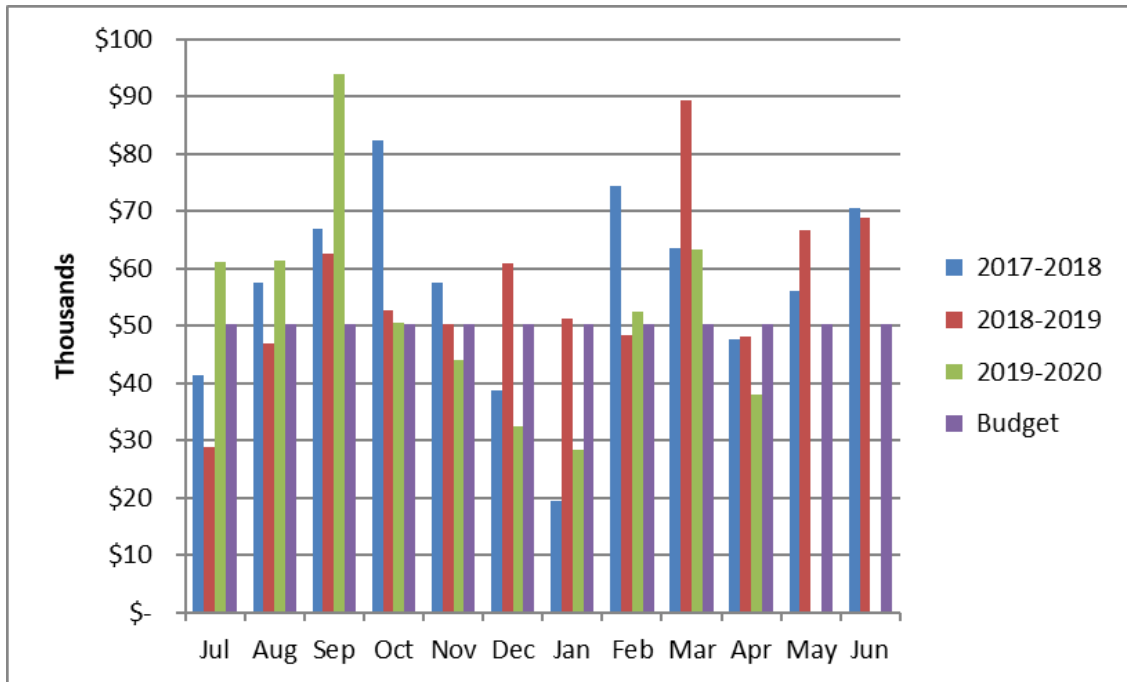


Seven term deposits matured in April earning Council \$38,106.20 in interest. The budget for April was \$50,212.50. Year to date Council has received \$525,421.84 in interest. The year to date budget is \$502,125.00.

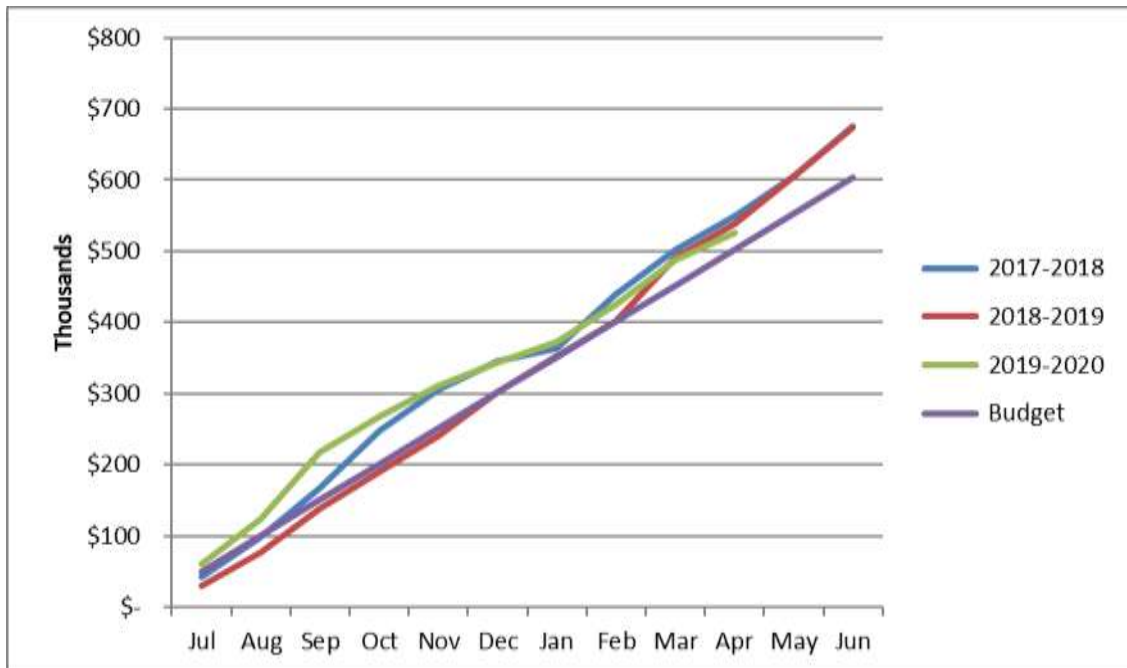
Investments maturing in April 2020

Investee	Date Invested	Date of Maturity	Effective Interest Rate	Investment Type	Amount Invested	Interest Earned
AMP (10)	10/01/2020	9/04/2020	1.75%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 4,317.69
AMP (6)	14/10/2019	14/04/2020	1.70%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 8,523.29
Bank of Queensland (6)	23/01/2020	23/04/2020	1.53%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 3,814.52
Bendigo Bank (10)	5/12/2019	3/04/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 4,931.51
Bendigo Bank (7)	29/11/2019	29/04/2020	1.50%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 6,246.58
Members Equity Bank (11)	19/11/2019	16/04/2020	1.55%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 6,327.40
National Australia Bank (4)	28/01/2020	27/04/2020	1.60%	Term Deposit	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 3,945.21
Total						\$ 38,106.20

Interest received April 2020

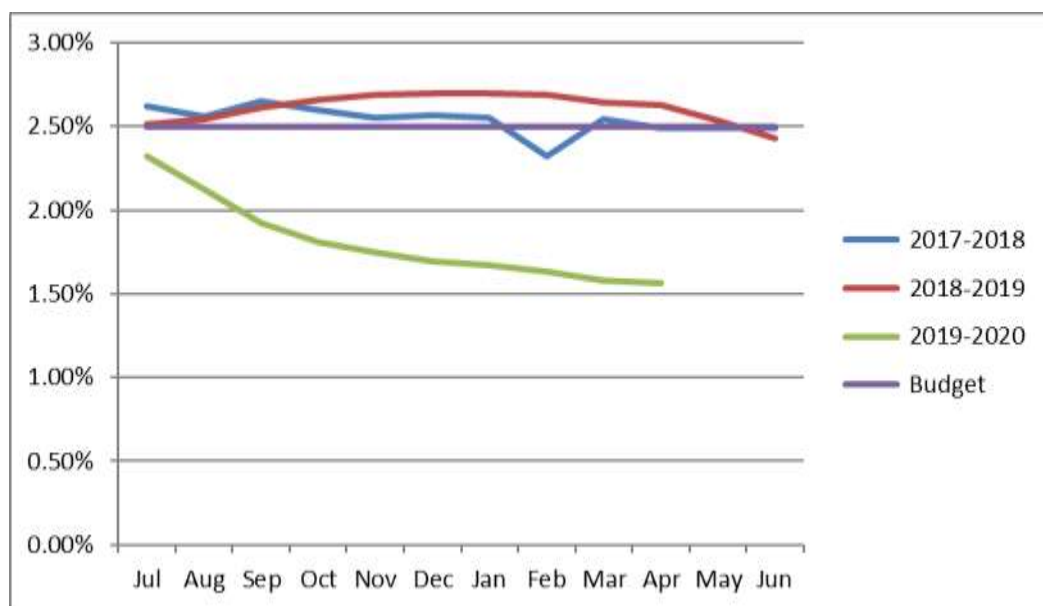


Total Interest received July 2019 – June 2020



For April 2020 Council's investments returned an effective average rate of 1.57%. Year to date the effective average rate has been 1.81%. The budget for 2019-2020 is 2.50%.

Effective average Interest Rate



Impact of continued low cash rate on Council's Investments

Since Council set the budget, the Reserve Bank's cash rate has gradually dropped from 1.25% in June 2019 to its record low of 0.25% on 20 March 2020. These continued low rates have had an impact on Council's Term Deposit interest rates, as demonstrated by the graph above.

As a result, Council anticipates a shortfall of approximately \$250,000 in interest from the original budget of \$602,550. A budget variation for this amount has been included in the March Quarterly Budget Review Statement, which is included in a separate report to Council.

Investment Ratings

As advised last month, the pandemic has resulted in some agencies reviewing the ratings of financial institutions impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Council's investment policy is based on ratings provided by Standard & Poor's and Moody's. At present neither of these agencies have reviewed their ratings. Staff will continue to monitor this situation and table any necessary amendments to Council's Investment Policy if required.

Conclusion

The Director Finance and Policy certifies that all investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and Council's investment policy.

Council is investing its funds prudently to optimise returns and reduce exposure to risk in accordance with legislation and its own investment policy.

Attachments

Nil

9.7 AF003 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

File Number: RPT/20/248

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
 Reporting Officer: Shenay Harris - Coordinator Finance and Policy

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future
 Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

Council has provided an allocation of \$187,000.00 (inclusive of GST) for the 2019/20 financial year for the consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance. In this financial year, \$104,436.00 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemptions from the Application" process. The total value of requests granted so far for this financial year totals \$48,921.60.

The total value of requests for this May 2020 funding application period totals \$22,044.00 which if granted in full, would leave a balance in the Donations, Contributions and Grants fund of \$11,598.40.

Recommendation

That Council having considered the current requests for financial assistance, makes appropriate recommendations on the level of funding to be provided to each of these applications, from the Donations, Contributions and Grants program.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider requests for financial assistance that have been received within the current application period.

Background

Council's ability to make financial contribution and/or in-kind assistance are set out in Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. To assist Council in its compliance requirement, Council has adopted a Donations, Contribution and Grants Policy (AF003), and has provided a funding allocation of \$187,000.00 (inclusive of GST) for the 2019/20 financial year. In this financial year, \$104,436.00 has been granted to a variety of organisations through the annual fees and charges "Exemption from the Application" process, as outlined in Appendix A – Bodies Granted Exemptions, Fees and Charges 2019/20.

Matters under consideration

In this current application period, there have been 6 requests for assistance received from Community organisations. The total value of the requests under consideration is \$22,044.00, which if granted in full would leave a balance of \$11,598.40 for the remainder of 2019/20.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

- a) Consider granting the full value of all requests, or
- b) Consider reducing or declining some applications.

Attachments

- 1. DCG Application List May 2020 [↓](#)
- 2. DCG Application submissions - May (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
- 3. DCG Application List with past amounts granted (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

DONATIONS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS - MAY 2020			
Organisation/Recipient	Type of Request	\$ Value	Details of Request
Great Murray Darling Junction Interpretative Facility Inc	Grant	\$ 5,000.00	Request for Grant towards DA Fee & other costs associated with the Junction Point Platform Project.
Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc	Fee Waiver	\$ 44.00	Request for Fee Waiver of the hire fees for the Wentworth Memorial Rooms for the launch of the Wentworth Visitors Guides. Was supposed to be held 1 April 2020, rescheduled due to COVID-19. Hire fee has already been paid for. If event is held next financial year, the funds will be taken from the 2020/21 budget.
Palinyewah Public School	Grant	\$ 2,000.00	Request for Grant towards cost of the Year 6 Sunraysia Excursion to Canberra & Snowy Mountains to assist with reducing the costs to families whose children are attending.
Sunraysia Motor Sports Club Inc	Grant	\$ 5,000.00	Request for Grant towards a 2 day Off Road Motor Vehicle Race being organised to be held at Pooncarie.
Pooncarie Racing Club Inc	Grant	\$ 5,000.00	Request for Grant towards the 129th Annual Pooncarie Cup races being held 3rd October 2020.
Wentworth Military Collection	Grant	\$5,000.00	Request for Grant towards a Memorial Stone & Commemorative Park Benches for unveiling by the Governor General in September 2021.
	TOTAL	\$ 22,044.00	

9.8 DRAFT 2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN, ENDORSEMENT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

File Number: RPT/20/226

Responsible Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Responsible Division: Finance and Policy
 Reporting Officer: Simon Rule - Director Finance and Policy
 Paula Mastrippolito - Manager Organisational Support

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

Summary

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (the Act)*, Council must have an annual Operational Plan adopted for each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken in that year, to achieve the commitments outlined the Delivery Program.

The Operational Plan also includes the Statement of Council Revenue Policy and the Annual Fees and Charges in accordance with the Regulations.

Recommendation

- 1) That Council adopts the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan, which incorporates the:
 - a) the Operational actions and budgets
 - b) the Summary Budgeted Financial Statement
 - c) the 2020/21 Annual Statement of Revenue Parts A & B
 - d) rating maps
- 2) That Council ratifies the FTE level of 132.45 Full Time Equivalent Employees.
- 3) That Council endorses the proposed \$4,000,000 of new borrowings.
- 4) That Council gives notice of its intention to adopt the following rates and annual charges, which are contained within the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan:
 - a) To make and levy an Ordinary Rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for residential, business and farmland categories of rates.
 - b) To increase the Ordinary Rate by the maximum 2.60% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
 - c) To increase waste water access charges by 2.60%.
 - d) To increase raw and filtered water access charges by 2.60%.
 - e) To increase domestic waste charges by 2.60%.
 - f) To not increase water consumption charges.
 - g) To levy the fees and charges established in Part B of the Annual Statement of Revenue.
 - h) To charge the maximum interest of 7.50% on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

That Council places all draft documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, as required under the Local Government Act.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to adopt the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan which includes the Statement of Council Revenue Policy and the Annual Fees and Charges.

Background

In accordance with the Act, Council must have an annual Operational Plan, for each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken in that year. Given the COVID-19 Pandemic the Office of Local Government have given councils a month's extension in order to adopt is Operational Plan for 2020/21.

The Operational Plan includes the Statement of Council Revenue Policy, in accordance with the Regulations.

The Operational Plan supports the Delivery Program and directly address the actions outlined in the Delivery Program and identifies projects, programs or activities that the council will undertake within the financial year towards addressing these actions.

The Operational Plan must allocate responsibilities for each activity and includes a detailed budget for the activities to be undertaken in that year.

In June 2017 Council adopted the 2027 **Community Strategic Plan** which outlined strategies to achieve the community vision of our region becoming ***a thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces, and strong local governance and leadership.***

Matters under consideration

The draft 2020/21 Operational Plan sets out the Actions that Council will undertake during the financial year towards the Delivery Program.

The key highlights of the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan are:

Total Council Expenditure

Total Council Expenditure for 2020/21 is proposed to be \$47,051,996 based on:

- Operating Expenditure - \$25,108,341
- Capital Expenditure - \$21,943,655

Capital Expenditure

Capital Expenditure for 2020/21 of \$21,943,655. Key Projects include:

- \$6,100,000 for the upgrade of the Wentworth Aerodrome
- \$4,500,000 for Road Renewals and upgrades
- \$4,000,000 for the upgrade of the Wentworth Civic Centre.
- \$1,500,000 for replacement of plant and machinery.
- \$1,000,000 for the Gol Gol Water Treatment Plan Upgrade project.
- \$1,000,000 for upgrade works at Willow Bend Caravan Park.
- \$1,000,000 for Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades
- \$ 620,000 for projects funded under the Stronger Country Communities Fund

Proposed capital expenditure budget of \$21,943,655 for 2020/21 is a decrease of \$826,887 or 3.63% on the adopted budget for 2019/20. It includes \$4,240,000 of projects that had been budgeted to be completed or substantially completed in 2019/20 but have had to be re-budgeted for 2020/21.

A project reserve fund of \$1,000,000 has been established to provide matching funding to support grant applications as required.

Operational Expenditure

Proposed Operating expenditure of \$25,108,341 for 2020/21 is an increase of \$1,221,695 or 5.10% on the adopted budget for 2019/20.

Resource Levels

The current full time equivalent (FTE) staffing level of 132.45 will be maintained. Total employment costs are forecast to be \$9,996,585 for the 2020/21 financial year an increase of \$1,143,700. It should be noted that Employee benefits and on-costs include salaries and wages, employee entitlements, superannuation, workers' compensation, fringe benefit tax, uniform and recruitment costs.

The current Local Government State Award expires on 30 June 2020. At the time of writing this report a new Award has yet to be approved therefore the draft 2020/21 operational plan has assumed a 2.50% award increase until such time as the actual figure is known.

Cash Requirements

Project cash requirements for 2020/21 is \$39,958,907 and comes from the following sources:

- \$34,767,156 2020/21 operational revenue
- \$ 4,000,000 Borrowings
- \$ 803,751 Retained Earnings
- \$ 388,000 Restricted Reserve

Borrowings

Additional loan borrowings of \$4,000,000 are proposed. The debt servicing ratio will be 2.00%, which is well below the benchmark of 20% set by the Office of Local Government.

A budget allocation has been allowed to commence upgrade works at the Willow Bend Caravan Park. These works are subject to grant funding, should the grant application be unsuccessful then consideration will be given to funding these works via external borrowings.

Rates

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART) determines the maximum rate increase allowable, which for 2020/21 is 2.60%.

The draft Annual Statement of Revenue also contains the following required statements;

- a statement of the types of fees proposed to be charged by Council,
- a statement of Council's proposed pricing methodology for determining the prices of goods and the approved fees under for services provided by Council,
- the amounts of any proposed borrowings,
- the sources from which they are proposed to be borrowed, and
- the means by which they are proposed to be secured.

The total amount of funds raised through the proposed rates and annual charges can be summarised as follows:

Revenue Type	2020/21 Proposed Budget	Budget for 2019/20
Rates and Annual Charges	\$8,900 million	\$8,803 million
User Charges and Fees	\$5,026 million	\$4,910 million

The proposed rates and annual charges outlined in the Operational Plan are:

- Ordinary rate increased by 2.60% (the maximum amount allowable).
- Waste water access charges increased by 2.60%.
- Raw and filtered water access charges increased by 2.60%.
- Domestic waste charges increased by 2.60%.

- No increase in water consumption charges.

Remaining Cash Balance

Council's remaining cash balance as at 30 June 2021 is forecast to be \$24,808,249 which is a net decrease of \$1,191,751. The projected cash balances before restrictions are:

Cash on hand	\$1,808,249
Short term investments	\$11,000,000
Long Term investments	\$12,000,000

It should be noted, that approximately 77% of these funds are restricted funds (internal restrictions at 40% and external restrictions at 60% of total restrictions).

Council has accumulated unrestricted cash reserves that have been wisely invested and when combined with the restricted funds allows council to earn an approximately \$600,000 in interested revenue per annum. This has put council in the fortunate position to be able to use these cash reserves to help fund parts of the capital budget for 2020/21.

The unrestricted cash funds are important as it is Council's main buffer against unexpected events. These include but are not limited to:

- Changes to government policies that lead to reductions in grant funding
- Weather events that result in impacts on the infrastructure network
- Unexpected shifting of costs from other levels of government
- Economic downturn that results in reduced revenues or cash flow delays

Indicative contributions towards CSP Objectives

The following table represents the alignment between the 2020/21 budget expenditure and the objectives and strategies established within the 2027 Community Strategic Plan.

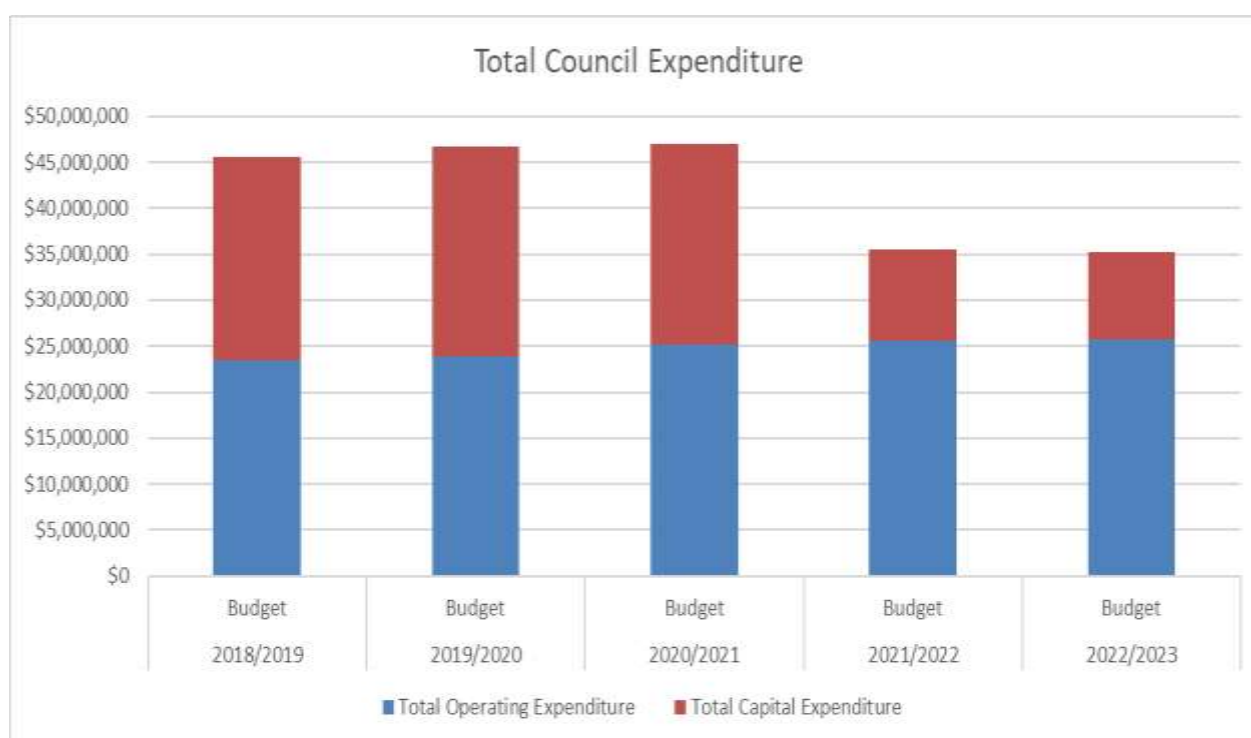
2020-2021 Operational Plan (Indicative representation of council's expenditure towards CSP Objectives and Strategies)		
	Strategy expenditure	Objective Total
1. Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire		
1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand	\$1,835,253	
1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction	\$7,465,417	\$9,300,670
2. Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest		
2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination	\$1,050,000	
2.2 Enhance access to local health and aged care services	\$151,933	
2.4 Enhance access to education, skills and training.	\$76,500	
2.5 Maintain /create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities.	\$3,339,944	\$4,618,377
3. Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets		
3.1 Promote the efficient delivery of water supply, sewer and drainage services for the long term interests of future generations	\$6,330,036	
3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure	\$18,041,287	
3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change	\$2,133,136	
3.4 Reduce, reuse and recover waste	\$100,000	\$26,604,459

4. Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery	\$6,528,490	
4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community	\$0	\$6,528,490
Total budgeted expenditure 2020/21	\$47,051,996	\$47,051,996

Budget-year comparisons

The following graph illustrates total council expenditure for 2020/21 compared to the previous budgets for 2018/19 and 2019/20 and the projected future budgets for 2021/22 and 2022/23



Conclusion

Council is being asked to endorse the draft 2020/21 Operational Plan for public exhibition. During the exhibition period the public are invited to provide feedback into the actions to be undertaken within the financial year. Public submissions are also invited on the proposed Rates and Annual Charges, as outlined in the Annual Statement of Revenue, and the Annual Fees and Charges.

The final version of all documents, together with all feedback received, will be presented to Council on the 24 June 2020.

Attachments

1. 2020-2021 Operational Plan - Draft for Public Consultation [↓](#)



2020-2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN



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OVERVIEW

In June 2017 Council endorsed the 10 year Community Strategic Plan (2017-2027) and adopted the four year Delivery Program (2017-2021). In line with the Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements, each year council is required to present its Annual Operational Plan and budget.

The total revenue budget from continuing operations is \$34,767,156, as follows:

- Rates & Annual Charges \$8,900,179
- User Charges & Fees \$5,026,280
- Interest & Investment Revenue \$601,149
- Other Revenues \$1,265,360
- Grants – Operating \$10,547,817
- Grants – Capital \$8,326,371
- Net Gains from the disposal of assets \$100,000

Rates will be increased as follows:

- the Ordinary Rate will be increased by the maximum 2.60% (as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
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- there will be no change to water consumption charges.
- the maximum interest of 7.50% (as determined by the Minister for Local Government) will be charged.

The total council expenditure budget for 2020/21 \$47,051,096, as follows:

- Operating Expenditure - \$25,108,341
- Capital Expenditure - \$21,943,655

Significant Capital Projects include:

- \$6,100,000 for the upgrade of the Wentworth Aerodrome
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- \$4,000,000 for the upgrade of the Wentworth Civic Centre.
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- \$1,000,000 for the Go! Go! Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project.
- \$1,000,000 for upgrade works at Willowbend Caravan Park.
- \$1,000,000 for Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades
- \$ 620,000 for projects funded under the Stronger Country Communities Fund

Council has endorsed a revised organisational structure, which consists of 132.45 full time equivalents.

There are proposed new borrowings of \$4million for the Civic Centre Redevelopment and \$1,191,751 will be drawn from council's reserves.

INTRODUCTION

The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

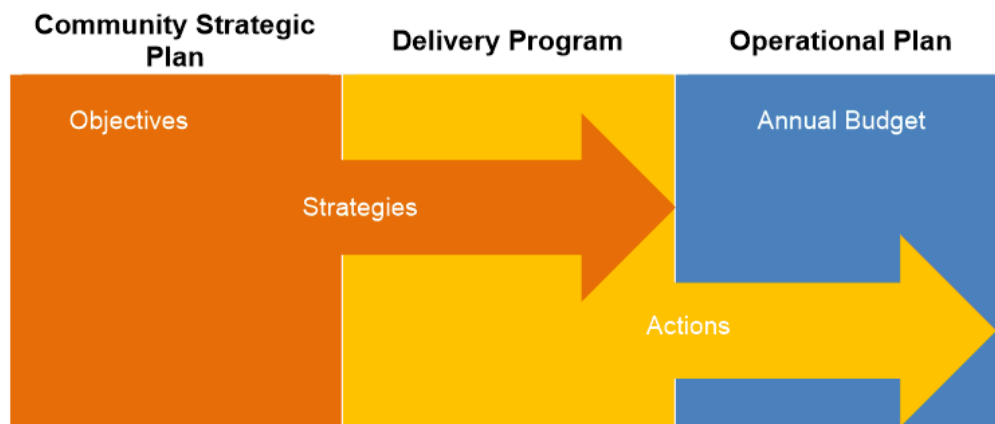
In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 Councils across New South Wales (NSW) are required to produce a Community Strategic Plan covering a period of at least 10 years, with the plan to be updated in line with each Council election cycle (every four years).

The Community Strategic Plan is the highest level of plan that a Council will prepare and the purpose of the plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and to plan strategies for achieving these goals.

The four year Delivery Program is Wentworth Shire Council's commitment to assisting the community to achieve the Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027. It is a high level plan that maps out the Council's strategic business direction. This is the point where the community's strategic goals are systematically translated into actions. These are the principal activities to be undertaken by council to implement the strategies established by the Community Strategic plan within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy.



Council is also required to have an annual Operational Plan, adopted before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken that year as part of the Delivery Program. The Operational Plan includes the Annual Statement of Revenue Policy. The following diagram shows how the various levels of the planning framework connect¹.



¹ Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual for local government in NSW, NSW Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government, March 2013.

Integrated Planning at a glance ²			
Plan/strategy	Description/requirements	Due dates/ frequency	Legislative reference
Community Engagement Strategy	A strategy based on social justice principles for engagement with the local community when developing the Community Strategic Plan.	For use during development of the Community Strategic Plan and councils' other planning activities.	s402(4) (Act)
Community Strategic Plan (CSP)	Plan which identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area. Minimum 10 years.	From 2012, endorsed by 30 June in year following election. Review every four years, and roll forward so remains at least 10 year horizon. Exhibit for at least 28 days.	s402(1)–(7) (Act)
Long Term Financial Plan	Included in the council's Resourcing Strategy for the provision of resources required to implement the CSP. Minimum 10 years.	Review in detail every 4 years as part of CSP review. Update annually when developing the Operational Plan.	s403(2) (Act)
Workforce Management Plan	Included in the council's Resourcing Strategy for the provision of resources required to implement the CSP. Minimum 4 years.		s403(2) (Act)
Asset Management Plan	Included in the council's Resourcing Strategy for the provision of resources required to implement the CSP. Comprises an Asset Management Strategy and Plan/s. Minimum 10 years.		s403(2) (Act)
Delivery Program	Details the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to implement strategies established by the CSP. Four years' duration.	From 2012, adopt by 30 June in year following election. Exhibit for at least 28 days.	s404(1)–(5) (Act)
Operational Plan	Details the activities to be engaged in by the council during the year, and annual budget. Annual sub-plan of Delivery Program.	Adopt prior to beginning of financial year. Exhibit for at least 28 days.	s405(1)–(6) s532 s610B – s610F s706(2) (Act) cl201(1) (Reg)

² Integrated Planning and Reporting Manual for local government in NSW, NSW Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government, March 2013.
2020-2021 Operational Plan - DRAFT FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Achieving the vision for 2027

The consultation and engagement activities undertaken to inform the Wentworth Region Community Strategic Plan resulted in the formation of the following concise and ambitious vision for the region:

A thriving region, supported by a robust economic base, distinctive open spaces, and strong local governance and leadership.

To ensure we, as a community, can work toward achieving this vision, four strategic objectives have been developed around the quadruple bottom line which aims to balance social, environmental, and economic and governance aspects of strategic plans.

Underpinning each objective is a range of supporting strategies that outline high-level approaches to achieving the objectives and delivering the vision.

OBJECTIVE 1
Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving shire.

OBJECTIVE 2
Wentworth is a desirable shire to visit, live, work and invest.

OBJECTIVE 3
Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

OBJECTIVE 4
Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future.

Council's four year Delivery Program (2017-2021) contains the strategies that are aligned to the objectives in the Community Strategic Plan. Each annual Operational Plan sets out the individual actions (activities) that will be undertaken within the financial year all of which can be linked back to the Community Strategic Plan.

Total Council Expenditure for 2020/21 is proposed to be \$47,051,096 based on:

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Significant Capital Projects include:

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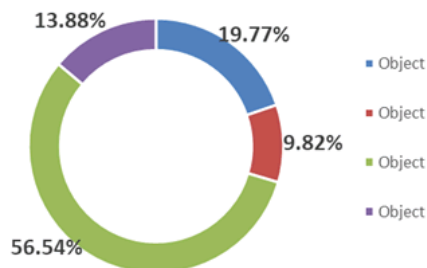
Contribution to CSP Objectives

In line with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework Council's expenditure has been aligned with the Objectives established within the Community Strategic Plan.

The financial expenditure figures depicted in the following table provide an indicative indication of how Council's expenditure in 2020/21 is aligned to the Community Strategic Plan.

The following pages provide the details of each Operational Plan action, including the description, the strategy that it is aligned to, the responsible officer, the source of funding and the budget amount for the financial year.

2020-21 Operational Plan
% of expenditure towards CSP Objectives



2020-2021 Operational Plan (Indicative representation of council's expenditure towards CSP Objectives and Strategies)		
	Strategy expenditure	Objective Total
1. Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire		
1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand	\$1,835,253	
1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction	\$7,465,417	\$9,300,670
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2.1 Grow visitation to the Shire by developing a quality visitor experience and promoting our destination	\$1,050,000	
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3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure	\$18,041,287	
3.3 Prepare for natural disasters, biosecurity risks and climate change	\$2,133,136	
3.4 Reduce, reuse and recover waste	\$100,000	\$26,604,459
4. Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future		
4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery	\$6,528,490	
4.6 Collaborate with others to achieve desired outcomes for the local community	\$0	\$6,528,490
Total budgeted expenditure 2020/21	\$47,051,996	\$47,051,996

Financial Information

Budgeted Income Statement Summary	2020/21 Budget
Income from Continuing Operations	
Rates & Annual Charges	\$8,900,179
User Charges & Fees	\$5,026,280
Interest & Investment Revenue	\$601,149
Other Revenues	\$1,265,360
Grants - Operating	\$10,547,817
Grants - Capital	\$8,326,371
Net Gains from the disposal of assets	\$100,000
Total Income	\$34,767,156
Expenses from Continuing Operations	
Employee Benefits	\$9,996,585
Borrowing Costs	\$248,124
Materials & Contracts	\$4,408,063
Depreciation & Amortization	\$7,093,089
Other Expenses	\$3,362,481
Total Expenses	\$25,108,341
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$9,658,815
Discontinued Operations	\$0
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operations	\$9,658,815

Funding Requirements	2020/21 Budget
Expenditure	
Operating Expenditure	\$25,108,341
Capital Expenditure	\$21,943,655
Total Expenditure ^(Note 4)	\$47,051,996
less depreciation (incl. in expenditure)	\$7,093,089
2020/21 Cash Requirements	\$39,958,907

Cash Requirements funded from:-

Operational Revenue ^(Note 1)	\$34,767,156
Borrowings ^(Note 2)	\$4,000,000
Retained Earnings	\$803,751
Council Restricted Reserves	\$388,000
2020/21 Total Funding	\$39,958,907

Projected Balances (Council Cash Reserves)

Projected opening cash balance 01/07/2020	\$ 26,000,000
less expenditure funded from restricted reserves and retained earnings	\$ 1,191,751

Projected cash balance at 30/06/2021	\$ 24,808,249
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Represented as:

- Cash on hand	\$ 1,808,249
- Short Term Investments	\$ 11,000,000
- Long Term Investments	\$ 12,000,000

Note 1 – Operational Revenue**Sources of Operational revenue**

Rates and annual charges	\$8,900,179
User fees and charges	\$5,026,280
Interest and investment revenue	\$601,149
Other revenue	\$1,265,360
Grants – operating grants	10,547,817
Grants – capital grants	\$8,326,371
Net gains from disposal of assets	\$100,000

Total operational revenue	\$34,767,156
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Note 2 – Rates and Annual Charges

- The Ordinary Rate will be increased by the maximum 2.60% (as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
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- Domestic waste charges will be increased by 2.60%.
- No change to Water consumption charges.
- The maximum interest of 7.50% (as determined by the Minister for Local Government) will be charged.

Note 3 - Proposed new borrowings

Borrowed funds enable the cost of acquiring assets to be spread over a longer period of time, thus easing the burden on current ratepayers.

In the 2020/21 financial year there will be loan borrowings of \$4,000,000 for the Civic Centre Redevelopment. It should be noted that Council did not proceed with the proposed borrowings for this project in the 2019/20 budget.

Note 4 - Expenditure Details

The total planned expenditure for 2020/21 is \$47,051,996. This is broken down as follows:-

Operational Expenditure (Note 4a)	\$25,108,341
Capital and major projects (Note 4b)	\$21,943,655
Total budgeted expenditure 2020/21	\$47,051,996

Note 4a - Operational Expenditure Detail

Operational area	2021/21 Budget
Operational Expenditure - Administration Finance and Policy 2020/21	\$1,770,906
Operational Expenditure - Administration, GMO 2020/21	\$2,426,393
Operational Expenditure - Administration, Roads and Engineering 2020/21	\$177,697
Operational Expenditure - Building Control 2020/21	\$301,959
Operational Expenditure - Community Services 2020/21	\$83,785
Operational Expenditure - Economic Affairs 2020/21	\$1,533,294
Operational Expenditure - Environment 2020/21	\$2,073,136
Operational Expenditure - Health Services 2020/21	\$151,933
Operational Expenditure - Housing and Community Amenities 2020/21	\$1,315,417
Operational Expenditure - Public Order and Safety 2020/21	\$1,007,629
Operational Expenditure - Recreation and Culture 2020/21	\$2,187,444
Operational Expenditure - Transport 2020/21	\$12,101,287
Operational Expenditure - Waste Water 2020/21	\$1,393,574
Operational Expenditure - Water Supplies 2020/21	\$1,971,142
Operational items included in Capital Expenses	\$155,000
Capital Road Renewals included in Operational Expenses	-\$3,542,255
Total Operational Expenditure	\$25,108,341

Note 4b - Capital and Major Works detail

Budget Item	2020/21 Budget
Asbestos Management Works YR 3/3	\$60,000
Buronga Riverfront Masterplan YR 3/3	\$75,000
Buronga/Gol Gol Stormwater Constraints (YR 3/5)	\$250,000
Cemetery Upgrades - Shed	\$40,000
Curlwaa Boat Ramp Upgrade Yr 3/2	\$35,000
EDS Facility upgrades YR 3/2	\$50,000
Integrated Management System YR 3/2 (carried forward from 19/20)	\$500,000
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Water Supply component YR 3/2 (carry forward)	\$75,000
Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan - Waste Water component YR 3/2 (carry forward)	\$75,000
IT Infrastructure Annual Renewals 2020/21	\$200,000
Junction Island Bridge (Construction)	\$0
Land Acquisitions YR 3/4	\$250,000
Landfill Land use Planning 100,000 Tonne EPL Upgrade Buronga Landfill 2020/21	\$100,000
Library Assets - New and Replacement Book stocks - 2020/21	\$53,000
Library Furniture	\$0
Library Local Special Project - 2020/21	\$23,500
Minor Plant Purchases 2020/21	\$50,000
Morquong Filtered Water Main (Yr 1)	\$50,000
Office Equipment Annual Replacement Program - 2020/21	\$100,000
Operational items included in Capital Expenses	-\$155,000
Plant replacement - Annual Program 2020/21	\$1,500,000
PS Ruby Annual Capital Expenditure YR 3/4	\$50,000
Road Infrastructure Annual Renewals 2020/21	\$0

Capital and Major Works (continued)

Road Renewals included in Operating Expenses	\$3,542,255
Sewer Design Works	\$50,000
Sewer Main Refurbishment 2020/21	\$224,000
Sewer Pit Lids - Repair and Replacement Annual Program 2020/21	\$10,000
Shared ways Program 2020/21	\$40,000
Shire Wide Post and Rail Replacement YR 3/4	\$20,000
Stormwater Drainage Program 2020/21	\$250,000
Street furniture upgrades 2020/21	\$0
Swimming Pools - Dareton Pool Painting YR1/1	\$20,000
Swimming Pools -Dareton Pool Tiling (YR 1/1)	\$50,000
Tree Management Strategy 2020/21	\$30,000
Trees Under Power Lines 2020/21	\$25,000
Waste Bins Strategy YR 2/4	\$12,500
Waste Water Infrastructure Upgrades 2020/21	\$641,320
Water Design Works	\$50,000
Water Stop Valves & Fire Plugs Annual Repairs and replacement 2020/21	\$10,000
Water Treatment Plant, Gol Gol Upgrades YR 3/3	\$1,000,000
Water Treatment Plant, Wentworth Electrical / Process Upgrade YR 3/4	\$0
Wentworth Aerodrome - Capital works 2020/21	\$6,100,000
Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment YR 3/3	\$4,000,000
Wentworth Riverfront Precinct Upgrades - Wall Remediation YR 3/2 (carry forward)	\$300,000
Wentworth Riverfront Precinct Upgrades - YR 3/3 BBQ area	\$220,000
Wentworth Showgrounds Upgrades - Barrett Pavilion replacement YR 3/3	\$325,000
Wentworth Water Raw Main Replacement YR 2/2	\$280,000
Willow Bend Caravan Park Redevelopment YR 3/4	\$1,000,000

Capital and Major Works Projects	\$21,581,575
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Loan Repayments

Loan Repayments - Civic Centre (\$4.0m) 2020/21	\$99,616
Loan Repayments - Civic Centre (\$850k) 2020/21	\$42,496
Loan Repayments - Landfill Capital #1 Loan 2020/21	\$92,141
Loan Repayments - Landfill Capital #2 Loan 2020/21	\$50,680
Loan Repayments - Midway Centre 2020/21	\$77,147
Loan Repayments – Willow Bend Caravan Park 2020/21	\$0

Total Loan Repayments	\$362,080
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Total Capital Expenditure	\$21,943,655
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Grant funded projects

Of the \$21,943,655 of capital expenditure for 2020/21, Council will fund \$10,561,899 or 48% of the projects, with \$11,381,756 being funded through grant revenue.

The following table depicts the capital and major projects that have been funded and the amount of funding allocated to the project in the 2020/21 financial year.

Project Title	2020/21 budget	2020/21 funding
Wentworth Aerodrome Project	\$6,100,000	\$5,612,000
Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Willow Bend Caravan Park	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Barret Pavilion	\$325,000	\$153,000
Wentworth Riverfront Precinct	\$220,000	\$153,000
Buronga Riverfront Precinct	\$75,000	\$68,000
Mourquong Filtered Water upgrade	\$50,000	\$40,000
Other Capital Works – Road Infrastructure	\$3,605,756	\$3,605,756
Value of funded projects and funding offsets	\$12,372,756	\$11,381,756

Workforce requirements

On 22 January 2020 Council adopted a revised structure consisting of 132.45 full time equivalents (FTE's) up 17.5 from the previously adopted structure.

The adopted structure consists of the general manager and three (3) directors, with each of these positions the subject of a standard contract of employment for Senior Staff. All other staff are employed in accordance with the Local Government (State) Award.

For the 2020/21 financial year total employment costs are forecast to be \$9,996,585 which is a 12.91% increase on the previous financial year's budget.

The following diagram depicts the Organisational Structure and the total number of FTE's within each Directorate.

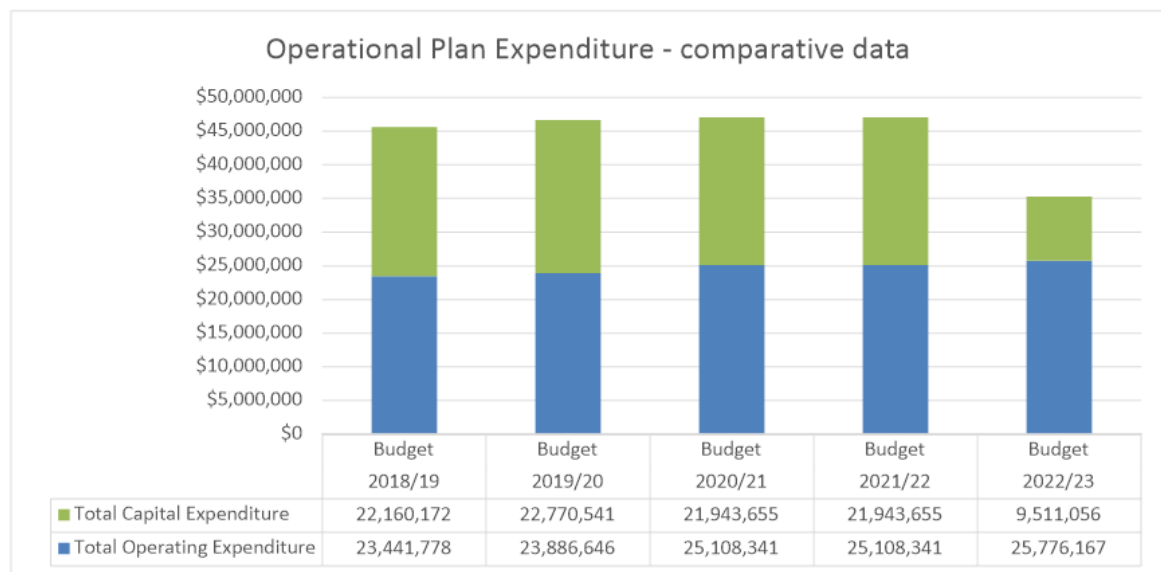


Future year estimates

The following graph provides a comparison of previous budgeted amounts, compared with the budget for the upcoming financial year and the projected future budgets for 2021/22.

Based on the current Delivery Program projects and forecasts from 2020/21 onwards the level of capital expenditure reduces as the current four year Delivery Program council comes to an end.

Under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework the adoption of each four-year Delivery Program occurs nine months after each council election. Council elections were originally scheduled to be held in September 2020 however amendments to the Local Government Act as a consequence of the global pandemic has resulted in the elections being pushed back by 12 months to September 2021.



Further information

The draft Annual Statement of Revenue provides a full breakdown of revenue and contains the following required statements;

- a statement of the types of fees proposed to be charged by Council,
- a statement of Council's proposed pricing methodology for determining the prices of goods and the approved fees under for services provided by Council,
- the amounts of any proposed borrowings,
- the sources from which they are proposed to be borrowed, and
- the means by which they are proposed to be secured.

The Annual fees and charges document provides details of annual fees and charges for the 2020/21 financial year.

Attachments

Part 2 – Annual Statement of Revenue and rating maps

Part 3 – Annual Fees and Charges

2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN

PART 2

Annual Statement of Revenue

The Annual Statement of Revenue forms part of the 2020/21 Operational Plan and includes the 2020/21 Fees and Charges.

These documents have been prepared in accordance with Section 403(2) of the Local Government Act 1993

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Integrated Planning and Reporting
2020/21 Operational Plan
Part 2 – Statement of Revenue

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The information pertained in this Statement of Revenue comes directly from Councils Long Term Financial Plan. The quality and quantity of services that Council provides to its citizens continue to grow despite an income that, in real terms, is decreasing. We are not alone in facing this predicament, but that does not lessen the size of the issue.

Despite these constraints, Council is determined to provide quality services at a level the community expects and at a price they are willing to pay. This will involve working closely with our community to provide services that best suit their needs.

In preparing the Long Term Financial Plan consideration was given to a range of economic and political factors that affect our finances and in turn our capability to maintain existing levels of service and long term financial sustainability.

RATING

Council rates are a form of taxation; they are not a fee-for-service. The Valuation of Land Act and the Local Government Act provide the legislative framework for valuing land and raising rates. All rateable land must be valued and rated. The Valuation of Land Act prescribes that the value of all properties be reassessed every 3 or 4 years to accommodate movements in land values. Council currently has its land revalued every 3 years. A revaluation establishes the value of a property relative to all other properties (ie: its market relativity).

Valuations in New South Wales are conducted by the NSW Valuer-General based on market movements and recent sales trends as required under the Valuation of Land Act. When a local government area has been re-valued the property owner will be issued with a Notice of Valuation. Each Notice of Valuation contains both details of the property as they are recorded on the Valuer General's records and the land value at the common base date for all Valuer General valuations in the local government area.

The valuations are objective and impartial, and are based on the market for Land. The 'land value' represents the value that the 'fee simple' interest in the land, assumed to be vacant, would be if offered for sale. For 2020/2021, rates are based were property values as at 1 July 2019.

By virtue of section 494 of the Local Government Act, council is required to make and levy an ordinary rate for each year on all rateable land in its area. This is a mandatory requirement.

A rate may, at council's discretion, consist of:

- An ad valorem amount; which may be subject to a minimum amount of the rate; or
- A base amount to which an ad valorem amount is added.

The ad valorem amount of a rate

The ad valorem amount of a rate is to be levied on the land value of all land that is to be rateable to the rate and the rate in the dollar is to apply uniformly. The ad valorem amount

of the ordinary rate may be the same for all classes or it may be different for different classes or sub classes.

Base charges and minimum amounts of rates payable

The Local Government Act allows the use of both different minimums and/or different base charges for different land use/localities. This provides additional flexibility in determining the distribution of the rating burden. It potentially enables better accommodation of 'equity' considerations but at the expense of the criteria of "simplicity". Greater flexibility also leaves council more vulnerable to lobbying for favourable treatment by special interest groups.

A base charge is a fixed fee levied equally against all properties. Rates based on property value are then levied to provide the additional revenue required by council. The effect is to reduce the influence that property values have in determining the relative amounts paid by different ratepayers. By contrast, a minimum rate applies only to those properties with a value below a set threshold. The amount of rates payable by all properties with a value above that threshold is therefore determined solely by relative property values.

The higher the amount of a base charge or a minimum rate the lower will be the ad valorem rate for any given revenue target. As a result higher valued properties may incur a greater or lesser share of the total rate burden depending on the level of the base charge or minimum rate. Applying a base rate charge will result in a different distribution between low, medium and high valued properties relative to the application of a minimum rate. The Local Government Act limits the amount of revenue that can be generated by a base charge or minimum rate. A base rate or minimum rate must not produce more than 50% of the total revenue derived for each class of property. Council has a base charge for each property class but currently does not levy a minimum charge.

Council must apply the ad valorem and base amount uniformly to every parcel of land within each property class but they can differ from property class to property class.

For well over a decade councils in NSW have been restricted to a rate cap and this has made it increasingly difficult to achieve financial sustainability for Western Division Councils. Most of these councils have rates as a percentage of total revenue below 25%.

Rate increases over the last six years are detailed in the following table.

Table of years and rate increases and % of total revenue

Rating Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
%	2.40	1.80	1.50	2.30	2.70	2.60
Rateable Value	456,121,220	458,997,140	504,286,220	511,880,220	518,336,290	862,040,158
Total General Rate Income \$	4,760,834	4,873,624	4,978,068	5,146,523	5,324,988	\$5,460,635
Increase \$	111,582	112,790	104,444	168,455	140,986	\$138,450

BUDGET ANALYSIS

This section provides comments on the main expenses and revenues, and capital expenditure for 2020/21.

OPERATING REVENUE

Council has forecasted to generate \$34,767,156 in revenue for 2020/2021

Extract of Operating Statement

Operating Revenue	2021	2022	2023	2024
Rates & Annual Charges	\$8,900,179	\$9,127,071	\$9,359,636	\$9,598,014
User Charges & Fees	\$5,026,280	\$5,141,606	\$5,266,162	\$5,393,831
Interest	\$601,149	\$616,178	\$631,582	\$647,372
Grants & Contributions (Op)	\$10,547,817	\$9,857,938	\$9,684,463	\$9,899,701
Grants & Contributions (Cap)	\$8,326,371	\$2,211,993	\$1,821,342	\$595,011
Other Operating Revenue	\$1,265,360	\$1,284,327	\$1,277,423	\$1,290,846
Net gain/loss Disposal of Assets	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$34,767,156	\$28,339,113	\$28,140,607	\$27,542,773

Rating and Annual Charges

The total income that can be raised from levying rates on property is capped by the State Government via the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. The current rate structure for Wentworth Shire Council will be maintained; rate assessments will be based entirely upon property valuations (ad valorem) but with base rates applying where appropriate. The continuing constraint of rate pegging imposed by the State Government limits Council's ability to provide additional services or borrow additional funds and has focused considerable attention to the need for and efficiency of each service provided. Council expects to raise \$8,900,179 from rates and annual charges for 2020/2021. This includes a special variation for Tourism which was approved in 1998 for \$10 per assessment.

Pensioners who hold a Pensioner Concession card and own and occupy rateable property in Wentworth Shire receive a mandatory rebate on their rates and annual charges. The State Government funds 55% of the rebate. This is expected to cost Council \$76,000 in 2020/2021

Interest charges on unpaid rates and charges will accrue on a daily basis at the rate of 7.50% as approved by the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Hardship and Ability to Pay Rates

Hardship is the difficulty in paying debts when repayment is due. Any person who cannot pay their rates or charges due to hardship can apply to Council for assistance at any time.

Ratepayer are encouraged to seek assistance from Council as soon as practical. Council will consider each hardship application on its merits.

There are several ways Council may help a ratepayer who is experiencing financial hardship including, but not limited to:

- A payment plan or agreement (s564 of the Local Government Act) so that rates and charges (whether overdue or not) are paid on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.
- Interest may be waived or reduced for a set period of time.
- A pensioner rebate (additional to the legislated rebate) may be given.
- Interest, rates or charges may be written off, waived, reduced, or deferred for eligible applicants (s564, s 577, 601 Local Government Act)

Applications for a Special Variation to General Income

The ability to introduce a special rate variation to General Income requires Ministerial Approval. The provision allows the raising of additional income over and above the rate cap for specific purposes and under strict guidelines.

Council can apply for additional income through these provisions, however at this stage this has been no thought given to doing so. In the future this option will be explored if deemed necessary.

User Charges & Fees

Many of the services provided by Council are offered on a user pays basis. Fees and Charges relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users. All fees in this category are annually reviewed and some of the general considerations for setting these fees include:

- Cost of the service or operation
- Consumer Price Index
- Other revenue sources which may fund the service
- Laws and Regulations
- Ability of the persons/groups using the service to pay
- Benefit to the community (possible subsidy)
- Benchmarking with others providing similar services

Council needs to be mindful of using fees and charges as an avenue to increase revenue to the extent that it can create issues around maintaining equitable access to services and facilities for residents. The Shire's relatively low population base does not provide a large market from which significant fees and charges can be obtained.

Statutory fees such as development assessment fees, planning certificates etc charged by Council are subject to direction through regulation and other state government controls. Council does not set these fees and does not have the power to vary the fee set. The majority of statutory charges do not provide for annual increase in line with CPI or the cost of providing the service and therefore excluding development related income, no growth in these fees has been included in the 2020/2021 budget.

The Roads and Maritime Services contract (RMCC) is classed as a fee for service and accounts for approx. \$1.5million of revenue annually. Council also operates the Buronga Landfill and

the Willowbend Caravan Park in Wentworth. It is expected that these operations will generate \$2,100,000 in revenue for 2020/2021. Overall Council expects to raise \$5,026,280 from user fees and charges for 2020/2021.

Interest on Investments

Council has an investment portfolio that varies in size from year to year however it is projected to be between \$24m and \$27m for the majority 2020/2021. These funds are a mixture of unspent grants, reserve funds and general revenue. All investments are placed in accordance with the Minister's Order and Councils adopted investment policy. Interest earnings form a significant part of Council's revenue each year and are subject to fluctuations in interest rates as they respond to economic conditions. Approximately \$20,000,000 of Councils cash reserves are either internally or externally restricted, this means that they have been set aside to fund specific expenditure. This gives Council the ability to strategically invest these funds in order to gain maximum returns whilst minimising risk. The remaining funds make up Council available working capital which is required to fund day to day operations. Even with interest rates currently at an all-time low Council still expects to receive \$601,149 from investments in 2020/2021

Grants & Contributions

Council receives an annual Financial Assistance Grant from the Commonwealth as well as various grants from other State and Commonwealth Government departments. Council has assumed that it will continue to receive these grants, however, should these grants and subsidies be reduced Council's ability to provide the same level of service will be impacted.

Council also receives operating and capital grants from various funding bodies to help fund the following services

- Roads maintenance and capital works
- Library services
- Weeds
- Youth week
- Rural Fire Services

Council will continue to seek grant and partnership funding for a range of well-aligned projects and programs, which will be reflected in the budgets as and when specific arrangements are confirmed.

Council collects monetary contributions from developers as a condition of consent on Development Applications to meet the demand for public amenities and public services created by new development. Authority to do this is provided by Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

This form of revenue is difficult to predict and Council has adopted the prudent position of making no assumption that this source of funds can be relied upon for the purpose of forward forecasting of resources and financial sustainability. Successful increases in revenue through, grants, partnerships and developer contributions will be treated as windfalls.

In the 2019 Federal budget the Government announced that it would again be making an advance payment of up to 50% of the 2019/2020 Financial Assistant Grant prior to June 30 2019. Council has assumed that this will continue in the 2020/2021 financial year.

Council has forecasted to receive \$18,874,188 in operating and capital grants in 2020/2021.

Council will receive capital grants and contributions in 2020/2021 which will contribute to funding the following projects:

- Barrett Pavilion
- Wentworth Riverfront
- Buronga Riverfront
- Wentworth Aerodrome
- Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant
- Roads to Recovery Program
- Regional Roads Block Grant and Repair Program.

Works to commence upgrading facilities at Willowbend Caravan has been included in the budget for 2020/2021 and is grant dependent. Council has an internally restricted fund of \$1,000,000 that can be used to contribute to funding applications as they become available.

Should the grant application process be unsuccessful, Council will consider using external borrowings to finance the works.

Other Revenue

Miscellaneous revenue is obtained from a variety of sources including insurance recoveries, property rentals, sale of assets etc. It is anticipated that other revenue will be maintained at current levels with an increase for CPI factored in. Council has budgeted to receive \$1,265,360 in 2020/2021.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

Council has forecasted \$25,108,341 in operating expenditure for 2020/2021

Extract of Operating Statement

Operating Expenses	2021	2022	2023	2024
Employee Costs	\$9,996,585	\$10,292,973	\$10,597,787	\$10,911,265
Materials & Contracts	\$4,408,063	\$4,366,170	\$4,407,082	\$4,349,409
Borrowings	\$248,124	\$271,041	\$252,639	\$233,560
Depreciation & Amortisation	\$7,064,367	\$7,093,089	\$7,123,233	\$7,154,848
Other Operating Expenses	\$3,362,481	\$3,614,576	\$3,363,811	\$3,419,432
TOTAL	\$25,108,341	\$25,667,992	\$25,776,167	\$26,102,250

Employee Expenses

Employee expenses comprise approximately 40% of Council's operating costs with 132.45 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff. The salaries and wages budget calculation includes an assumption that staff will take four weeks annual leave. Throughout any year salary savings resulting from staff vacancies and efficiencies will occur naturally.

The superannuation Guarantee Levy is currently at 9.5% and will progressively increase to 12% starting in 2020-21. Council has a number of staff in the defined benefit scheme and have been paying significantly increased contribution rates to fund this scheme.

Council Employee Leave Entitlements reserve is used to fund unanticipated changes in termination payments each year. The number of staff who might leave is difficult to predict and the budget has a provision added to represent the projected levels of retirements, to accommodate the challenges of an ageing workforce.

Council's policy is to fully fund the leave entitlements of staff in the Employee Leave Entitlements Reserve. In recent years the reserve has been used to assist in the funding of costs associated with the resignation/retirement of a number of long serving employees. Council has been fortunate in recent years that it has had enough surplus cash to fund 100% of this reserve. It is projected that the reserve will maintain a balance of 100% through 2020/2021. However if surplus funds were to decrease Council may choose to review this policy.

Workers Compensation premiums increase and decrease significantly with claims history. Council continues to be proactive in order to minimise any potential for claims

Organisational Structure

The 2020/2021 Operational Plan is based on the figure of 133.45 equivalent fulltime employees (EFT's). Councils total employee costs for 2020/2021 is expected to be \$9,996,585

Borrowing Costs

Wentworth Shire Council in the past has been debt averse and viewed the achievement of a low level of debt or even a debt free status as a primary goal. However Council appreciates that the use of loan funding can be a critical component of the funding mix to deliver much needed infrastructure to the community. The beneficiaries of these projects will assist in their funding as their rates will be applied in part to repaying the loans. This is in contrast to current ratepayers bearing the entire burden in one year, possibly at the expense of other worthwhile expenditure.

Debt is seen as a method of more fairly spreading capital costs to deliver intergenerational equity. Keeping this in mind there are limits to the amount the Council can borrow without impacting on its financial sustainability and Council is mindful of not wanting to impose excessive debt on current or future generations.

Council's borrowing strategy projected in the LTFP is to restrict the debt service ratio to less than the industry benchmark of 20%. Before embarking on any new debt Council will consider the following:

- Debt financing is only to be used for clearly identifiable major projects and the Capital Works Program
- Debt finance will not be used to meet operational shortfalls

- The period of repayment of debt finance shall not exceed the period over which the benefits are received from a project, or the life of the asset whichever is lesser

The principles of intergenerational equity are supported in respect of the Council contribution to the funding of major projects, the benefits of which will be shared by future generations.

Loans shall only be raised after taking into consideration future known specific capital funding requirements and, when raised, shall only fund the specific project or purpose approved.

Borrowing costs on current and projected loans and financing arrangements will total \$248,124 in 2020/2021.

Materials and Contracts

Materials and Contracts represent the principal costs used to deliver services to the community and are forecast to increase by 2% in 2020/2021 in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index. Materials and contracts are subject to variations in the market and particularly to petroleum prices. Such fluctuations impact on the price of petroleum and petroleum-based products (such as asphalt) and makes forecasting difficult. Budgeted expenditure for 2020/2021 is \$4,408,063

Depreciation

Depreciation reflects the fact that an asset's cost is proportionally expensed over the time during which it is used. Depreciation has been based on the estimated useful life of assets and will be reviewed every year. Council continues to thoroughly review its residual values and estimated useful lives. Budgeted depreciation for 2020/2021 is \$7,093,089

Other Expenses

Includes items such as audit fees, valuation fees, office expenses, software licences, insurances, electricity costs etc. These costs count for approximately 10% of Council operating expenditure and have been forecast to increase in line with increases in CPI each year except for insurances, electricity costs and State Government Emergency Services levy which have been forecast to increase by approximately 2% above CPI each year. Budgeted expenditure for 2020/2021 is \$3,362,481

EXPENDITURE CHALLENGES

As part of the process of preparing the operational plan each year, Council critically reviews operating expenditure in order to identify areas where it could reduce spending without compromising service delivery.

Community needs must be understood and are a key input into the annual operational plan, for many years Council has recognised the challenge of meeting community needs in a financially sustainable manner. This challenge has been divided into two elements (1) assess the gap in financial sustainability assuming community needs correspond to the current scope of services and service levels and (2) assess the impact of additional or enhanced services in line with changing or revised community needs.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The challenge over the medium to long term is to achieve financial sustainability whilst still assisting the community to achieve its visions as established in the 10 year Community Strategic Plan. The challenge is to also adequately maintain existing assets before adding to the asset base, bearing in mind that new assets add to ongoing operational costs.

Substantial capital programs are in place to continue the renewal of Council's infrastructure network. The programs will ensure that these key asset groups meet or exceed Council's determined 'minimum' service levels and continue to provide the expected amenity to the community.

The capital works program prioritises projects based on asset condition, risk, community need and other opportunities as they arise with other entities. Over shorter periods, some areas of the Shire may require more capital works than others to reflect short term needs and opportunities.

The need for new assets is constantly assessed and verified against current population and development projects, community feedback and alternative means of supplying services. A further consideration is the priority of refurbishing existing assets that provide community benefits or operational service that require regular refurbishment to enable the overall safety and quality of the facility to be maintained.

Apart from funding constraints, Council has capacity constraints which determine the capital works program delivery timeframe. The constraints in project delivery include community consultation, state government approvals, design, procurement processes and availability of labour resources to project manage and implement the projects.

In addition to the renewal and expansion of Council's asset base delivered through the capital works program, Council undertakes a replacement (and, where appropriate) upgrade/expansion program for its plant and equipment assets including motor vehicles, furniture, plant and IT hardware.

The budget for 2020/21 has been developed through a process of consultation and review with Council and staff. As required by the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, the Operational Plan and Budget are for a one year period. The Long Term Financial Plan details Council's financial forecast for a 10 year period and budget estimates for the next four years are provided in the Delivery Program.

Capital Expenditure	2021	2022	2023	2024
Existing Infrastructure Renewals	\$16,826,576	\$8,918,214	\$8,580,617	\$7,552,087
Projects Carried forward from previous years	\$3,940,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
New Capital Expenditure	\$815,000	\$450,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Capital loan repayments	\$362,079	\$412,037	\$430,439	\$426,767
TOTAL	\$21,943,655	\$11,562,751	\$9,511,056	\$8,478,854

The Major Projects and Capital Expenditure Program for 2020/21 will be \$21,943,655

Capital works are funded from the following sources.

- Loans/financing \$4,000,000

• Restricted Funds	\$388,000
• Retained Earnings	\$803,751
• Council Operations	\$5,385,148
• Grants and contributions	\$11,366,756

RATE LEVY 2020/21

Council has received advice from the Minister for Local Government that the rate pegging limit for 2020/21 is 2.60%. The maximum increase has been proposed.

The rating structure proposed is consistent with previous years and no changes have been forecast at this stage. Council has tried to spread its rate burden as evenly as possible across all ratepayers. While it is impossible to keep everyone satisfied, the proposed rating structure endeavours to make it as fair and equitable as possible.

The Tourism Special Rate will remain at \$10 per Assessment.

Statement with respect to each ordinary and each special rate proposed to be levied:

No special Rates are proposed for 2020/2021.

In accordance with Sections 534, 535 & 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council resolves to make and levy an ordinary rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for 2020/21 financial year for every parcel of rateable land within the Wentworth Shire Council as follows:

FARMLAND CATEGORY

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Farmland except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

Farmland

- An ordinary rate of 0.00309165 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$510.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 33.36% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$1,108,302

Farmland – Dry Land Grazing

- An ordinary rate of 0.00252606 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$510.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 19.06% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$661,041

Farmland, Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline

- An ordinary rate of 0.03653814 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Farmland, sub categorised Licence/Pump Site/Pipeline, in accordance with Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$95.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 42.19% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$16,886.16

RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY

Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00409093 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to base amount of (\$230.00) for each assessment. The amount accounts for 45.75% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$308,178.79

Buronga

- An ordinary rate of 0.00363459 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Buronga, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 31.51% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$405,929

Gol Gol

- An ordinary rate of 0.00389402 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$260.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 27.30% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$523,897

Gol Gol East

- An ordinary rate of 0.00439115 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Gol Gol East, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$360.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 23.96% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$338,072

Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.01332810 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$185.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 46.40% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$21,131

Dareton

- An ordinary rate of 0.01572021 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Dareton, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now

made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$185.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 48.40% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$76,450

Rural Residential

- An ordinary rate of 0.00373314 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Residential, sub categorised Rural, in accordance with Section 516 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$170.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 24.14% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$437,290

BUSINESS CATEGORY

Includes all of the lands within the local government area of Wentworth categorised as Business except those parcels of rateable land sub categorised as Business, Mourquong; Business, Trentham Cliffs; Business, Arumpo; Business, Wentworth; Business, Pooncarie (including all of the lands within the locality of Pooncarie sub categorised as Business Pooncarie except those lands within the township of Pooncarie).

Business

- An ordinary rate of 0.00659508 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 21.38% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$244,994

Business, Wentworth

- An ordinary rate of 0.00950742 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Wentworth, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$270.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 38.26% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$39,518

Business, Mourquong

- An ordinary rate of 0.29338897 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Mourquong, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.12% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$241,172

Business, Trentham Cliffs

- An ordinary rate of 0.00817110 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised

Trentham Cliffs, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act 1993, be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$120.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 3.49% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$10,329

Business, Arumpo

- An ordinary rate of 0.06246807 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands within Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Arumpo, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$210.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 1.17% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$71,679

Business, Pooncarie

- An ordinary rate of 0.09382097 cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable lands with Wentworth Shire Council categorised as Business, sub categorised Pooncarie, in accordance with Section 518 of the Local Government Act, 1993 be now made for the 2020/21 rating period, subject to a base amount of (\$100.00) for each assessment. The base amount accounts for 0.02% of the estimated yield for this category. The estimated yield for this rate is \$955,767

WATER & SEWER CHARGES

It is necessary to increase Water & Waste Water by 2.60% per property for 2020/21 to cope with the cost of operational and capital expenditure required to provide this service to the ratepayers.

- Water Access Charges will increase by 2.60% per rateable property in 2020/21
- Sewer Access Charges will increase by 2.60% per rateable property in 2020/21
- Water Consumption Charges to remain unchanged per rateable property in 2020/21

In accordance with Section 501 of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council resolves to make and levy the following Water and Sewer Charges for each rateable property within Wentworth Shire Council.

WATER CHARGES

Filtered Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$295.00	per annum
Water Cost - 0-250kl	\$1.25	per kl
Water Cost - over 250kl	\$2.80	per kl
Raw Water	Charge	Unit
Access Charge	\$162.00	per annum
Water Cost - 0-700kl	\$0.45	per kl
Water Cost - over 700kl	\$1.10	per kl

The above proposed charges are for a basic 20mm connection.

Flats & Units

The access charge will apply to all connections and to Namatjira and resident complexes such as flats. Each flat or unit will be levied at 20mm access charge for raw and filtered water. The body corporate management committee will then be charged for actual water used. The body corporate will be responsible for the allocation of charges within the complex.

Access Charges are determined by the connection size as follows:-					
Filtered Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Filtered Water Access Charge	Filtered Water Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2392	295	250 kl	\$ 705,640.00
	25	34	445	500 kl	\$ 15,130.00
	32	8	690	750 kl	\$ 5,520.00
	40	17	1,090	1000 kl	\$ 18,530.00
	50	15	1,715	1750 kl	\$ 25,725.00
	80	2	4,340	4000 kl	\$ 8,680.00
	100	1	6,760	6250 kl	\$ 6,760.00
	150	0	14,476		
	200	0	26,522		
					\$ 785,985.00
Raw Water	Size (mm)	Assessments	Raw Water Access Charge	Allowance 1st Step	Notional Income
Residential or Non Residential	20	2278	162	700 kl	\$ 369,036.00
	25	42	254	1400 kl	\$ 10,668.00
	32	10	340	2100 kl	\$ 3,400.00
	40	19	550	2800 kl	\$ 10,450.00
	50	17	830	4900 kl	\$ 14,110.00
	80	3	2,240	11200 kl	\$ 6,720.00
	100	1	3,430	17500 kl	\$ 3,430.00
	150		7,445		\$ -
	200		13,235		\$ -
					\$ 417,814.00

SEWERAGE CHARGES

Description	Assess	Charge	Notional	Pensioner
			Income	Rebate
Sewerage Connected	1,794	805.00	\$1,444,170	\$29,500
Sewerage Unconnected	140	570.00	\$79,800	
Sewerage 1st Pedestal	29	805.00	\$23,345	
Sewerage Pedestal WC	604	114.00	\$68,856	
Sewerage Urinal	61	56.00	\$3,416	
Sewerage Church WC	38	61.00	\$2,318	
Sewerage 2 Flats	9	1,207.50	\$10,868	
Sewerage 3 Flats	3	1,610.00	\$4,830	
Sewerage 4 Flats	5	2,012.50	\$10,063	
Sewerage 5 Flats	4	2,415.00	\$9,660	
Sewerage 6 Flats	2	2,817.50	\$5,635	
Sewerage 7 Flats	3	3,140.00	\$9,420	
Sewerage 9 Flats	0	4,025.00	\$0	
Sewerage 10 Flats	1	4,427.50	\$4,428	
Sewerage 12 Flats	1	5,235.50	\$5,233	
Sewerage 14 Flats	0	6,037.50	\$0	
			\$1,682,280	\$29,500

DOMESTIC WASTE

Domestic Waste collection charges will increase by 2.60% per annum in order to keep up with the increased cost of collection.

In accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolves to charge the following Domestic Waste Management Charge for each rateable residential property within Wentworth Shire Council.

Garbage Charges				
Description	Assess	Charge	Notional Income	Pensioner Rebate
Domestic Waste Urban	2,132	242	\$515,944	\$26,000
Domestic Waste Rural	909	295	\$268,155	\$6,000
			\$784,099	\$32,000

In accordance with Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will adopt its rates and charges after public notice is given and after due consideration of submissions received.

STATEMENT OF THE TYPES OF FEES to be charged by the Council and the amounts of each such fee:

Section 612 of the Local Government Act 1993 prohibits Council from determining a fee until it has given public notice of its draft delivery and operational plans for the year in which the fee is to be made and has considered any submissions received. Council will adopt the 2020/21 fees and charges schedule on 24 June 2020, after consideration of all written submissions by residents and ratepayers.

Refer to attached document for the fees and charges schedule.

STATEMENT OF COUNCIL'S PRICING POLICY with respect to the goods and services provided by it:

Reference is made to Council's Pricing Policy in its Annual Fees and Charges 2020/21. The Pricing Policy is related to the degree of cost recovery, having regard to the following factors:

- Equity objectives
- User pays principle
- Cross subsidisation objectives
- Financial objectives
- Customer objectives
- Resource use objectives
- GST

Council's broad policies on revenue are:

- Council will ensure all rates, fees and charges will be levied equitably
- Council supports the user pays principle in assessing the levying of fees and charges and the amount to which they are set, while considering the needs of those in the community who are unable to meet their own needs
- Council will pursue all cost effective opportunities to maximise its revenue base.

The pricing policy referred to in the Annual Fees and Charges for 2020/21 is based on a selection of one of the following choices:

- The pursuit of full cost recovery (100% of identified costs)
- The application of partial cost recovery (reflecting the impact of public good constraints and/or community service obligations)
- The application of zero cost recovery (reflecting an inability to charge a fee)
- The application of a reference price (a fee or charge set by statute or regulation)
- The pursuit of a commercial rate of return on capital invested (to reflect the capital risks involved in the provision of a particular service).

STATEMENTS OF THE AMOUNTS OR RATES PROPOSED to be charged for the carrying out by the Council of work on private land:

The Council may by agreement with the owner or occupier of any private land, carry out on the land any kind of work that may lawfully be carried out on the land (Section 67(1) Local Government Act 1993).

Examples of private works are:

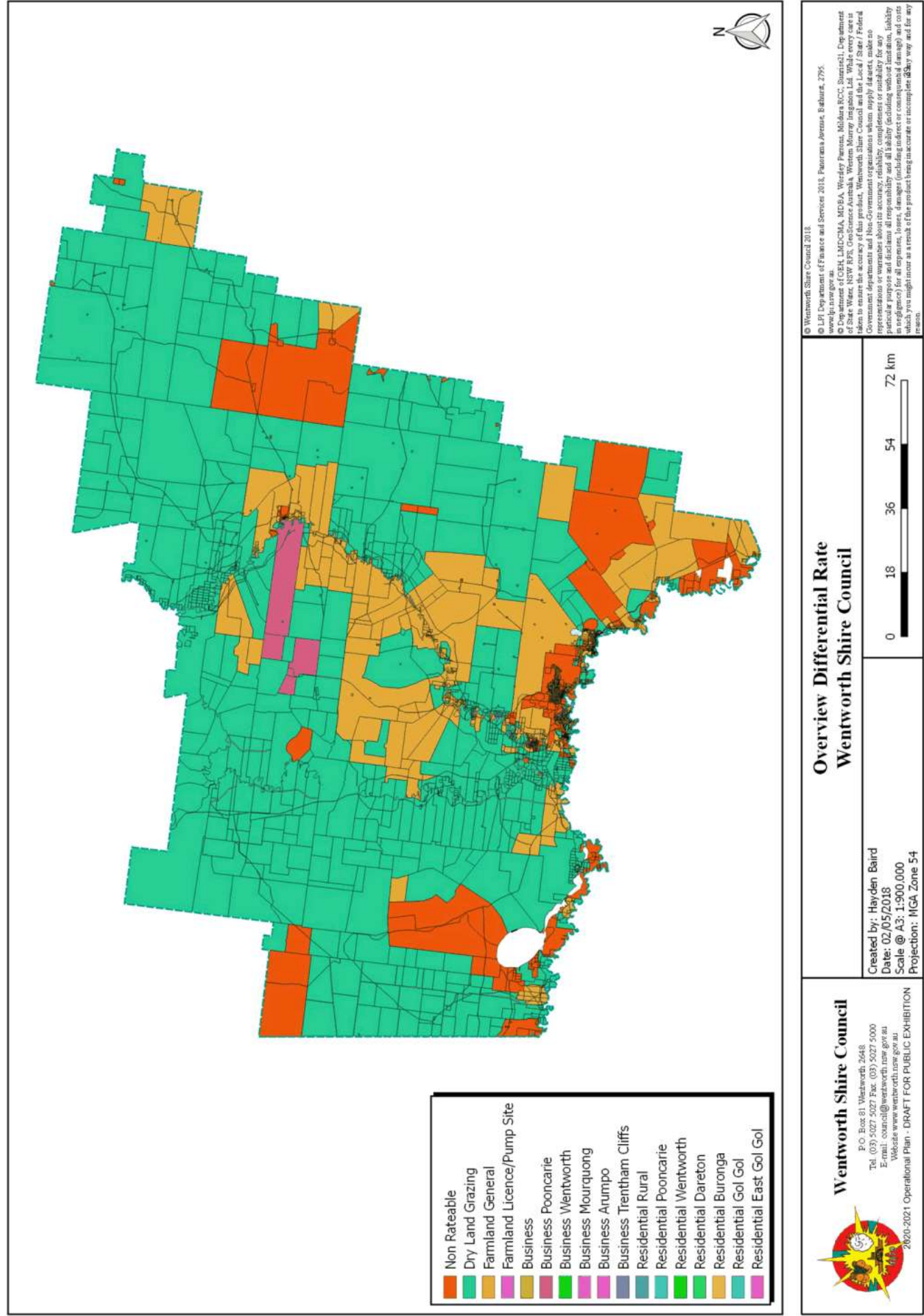
- Paving and road making

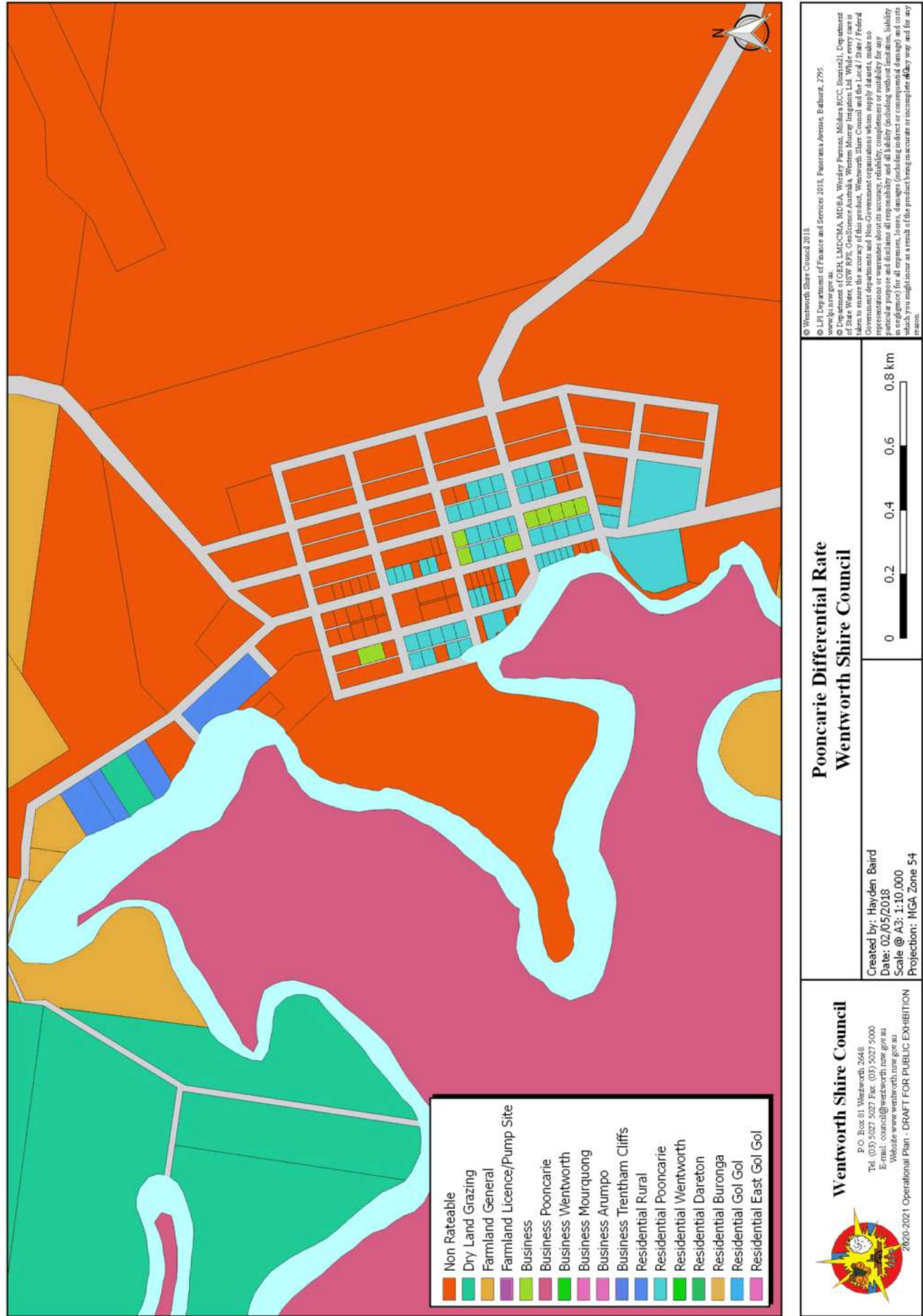
- Kerbing and guttering
- Fencing and ditching
- Tree planting and maintenance
- Demolition and excavation
- Land clearing and tree felling
- Water, sewerage and drainage connections

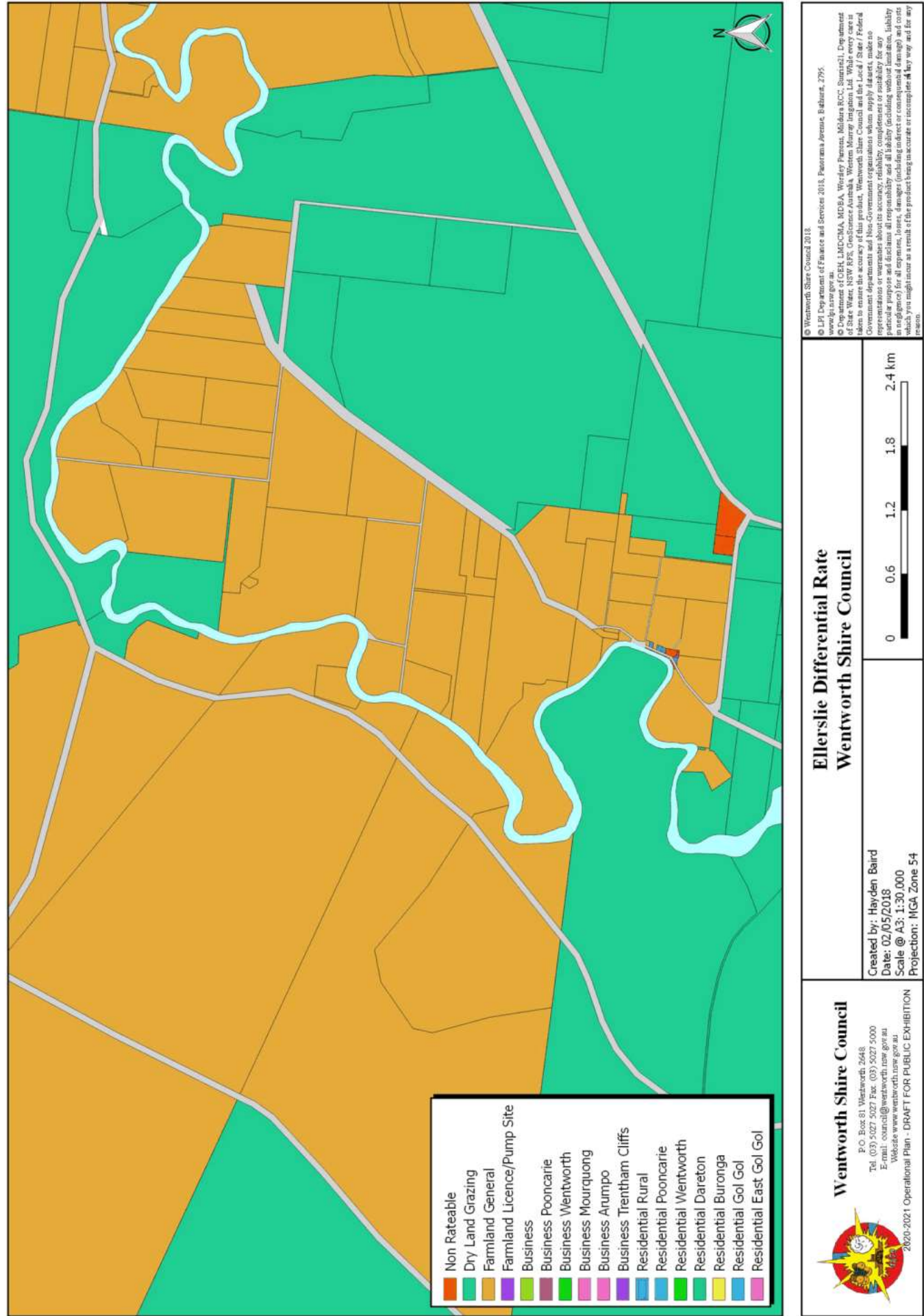
This type of work is to be charged at cost with a percentage charge of 10% added for profit purposes. All profit is returned to Council's General Fund income.

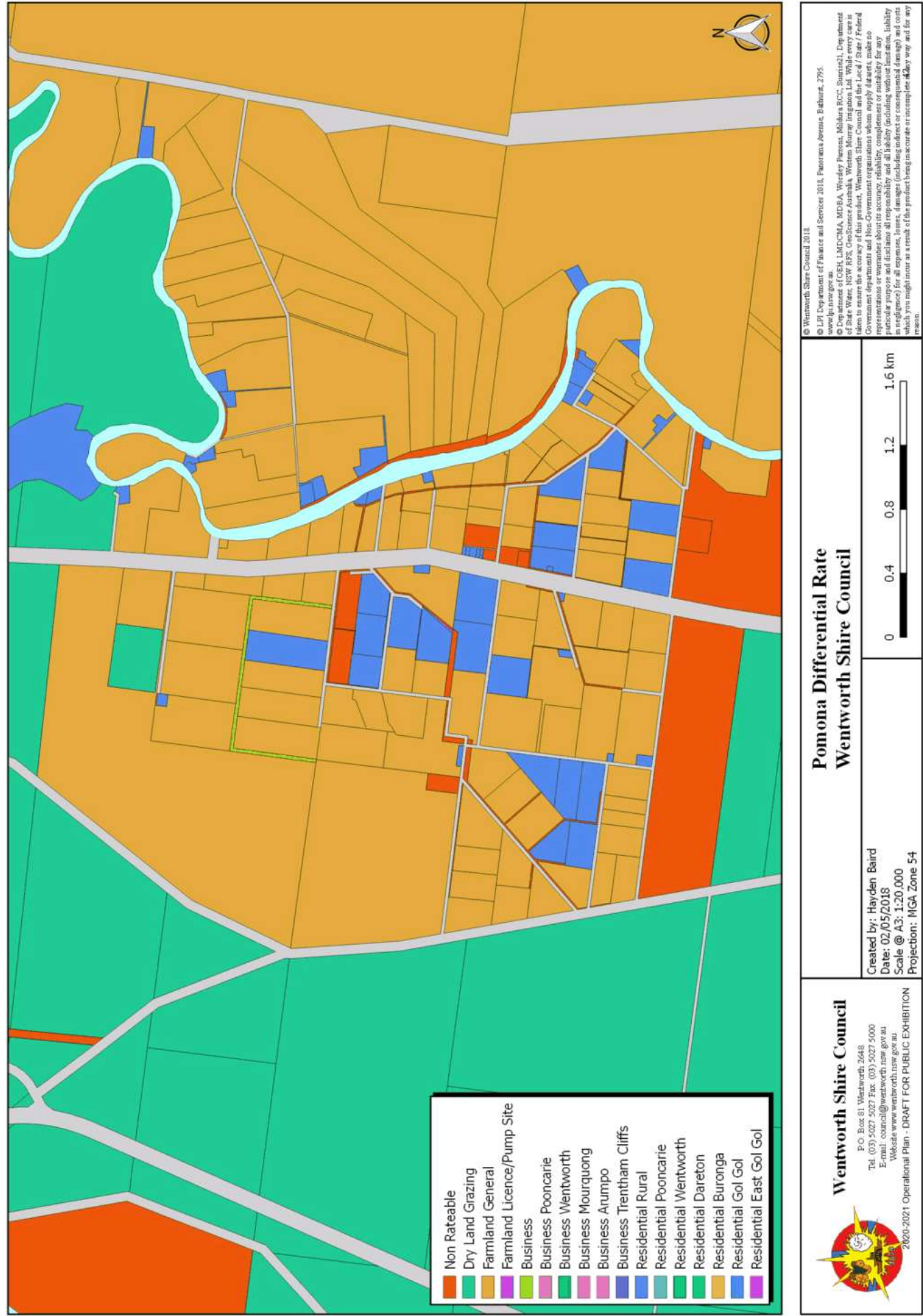
STATEMENT OF PROPOSED BORROWINGS

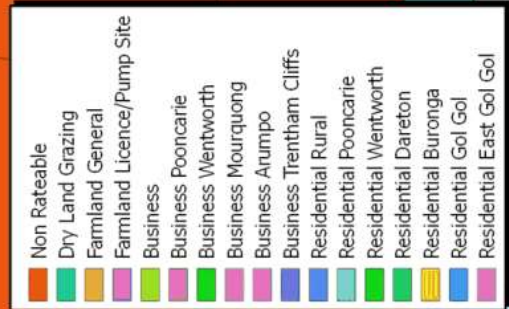
The Wentworth Shire Council is proposing to borrow/finance up to \$4,000,000 in 2020/21 to help fund capital requirements for the Wentworth Civic Centre Redevelopment.

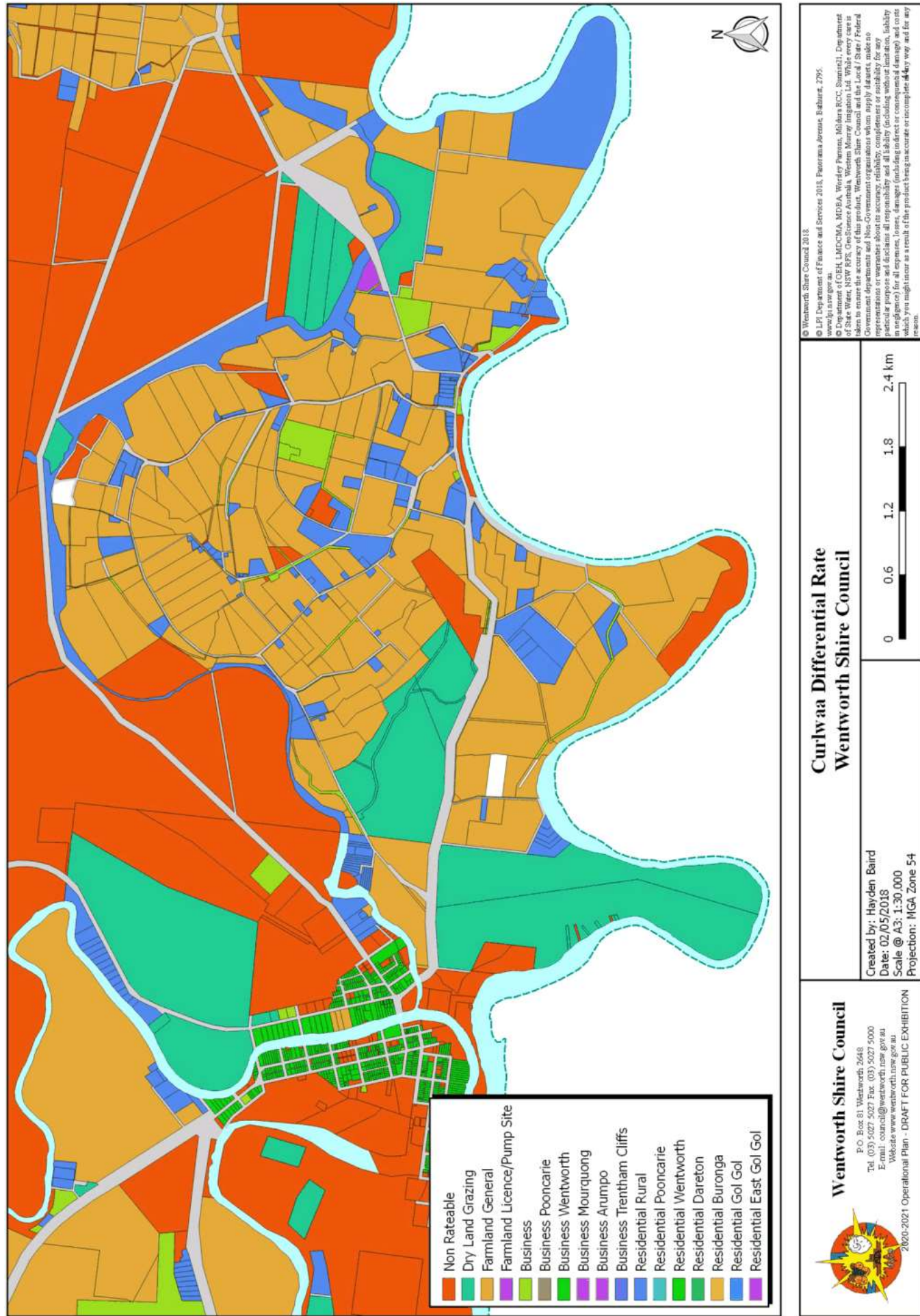


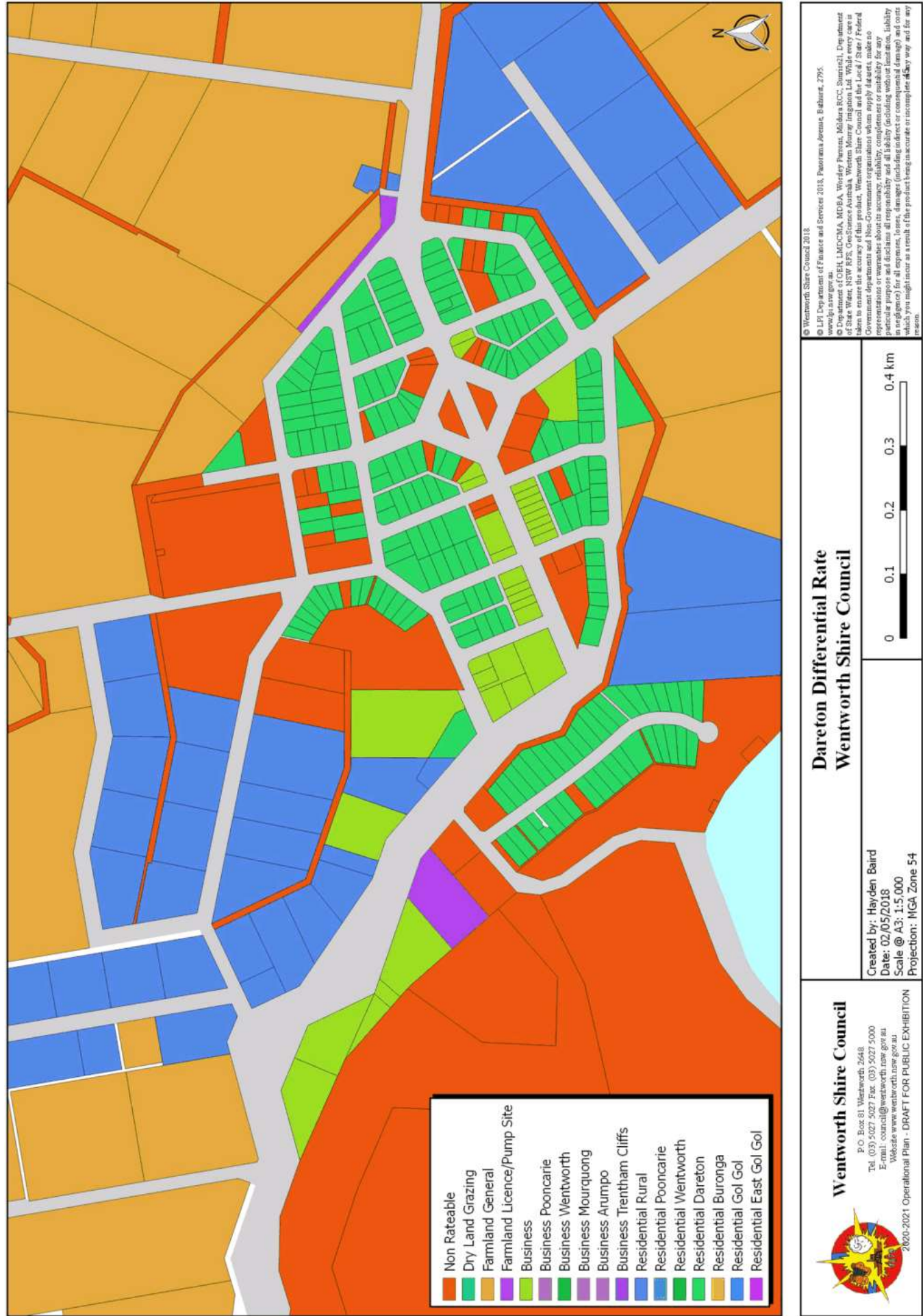


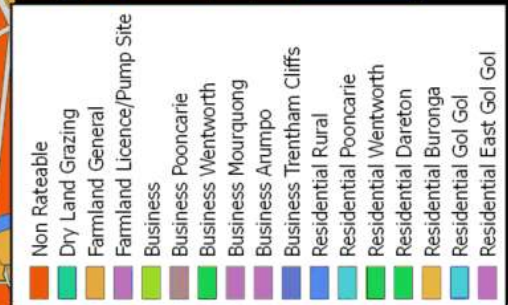


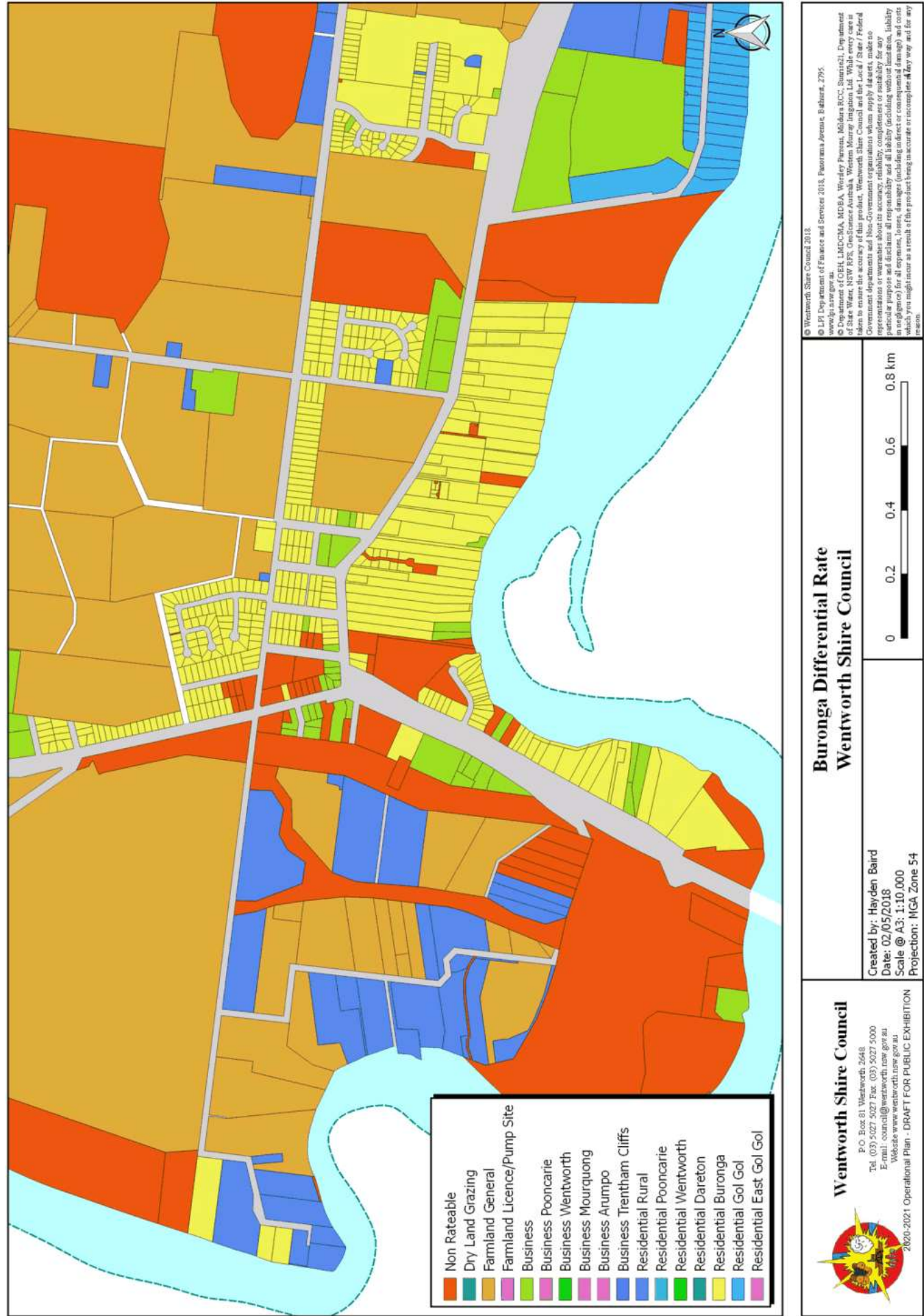


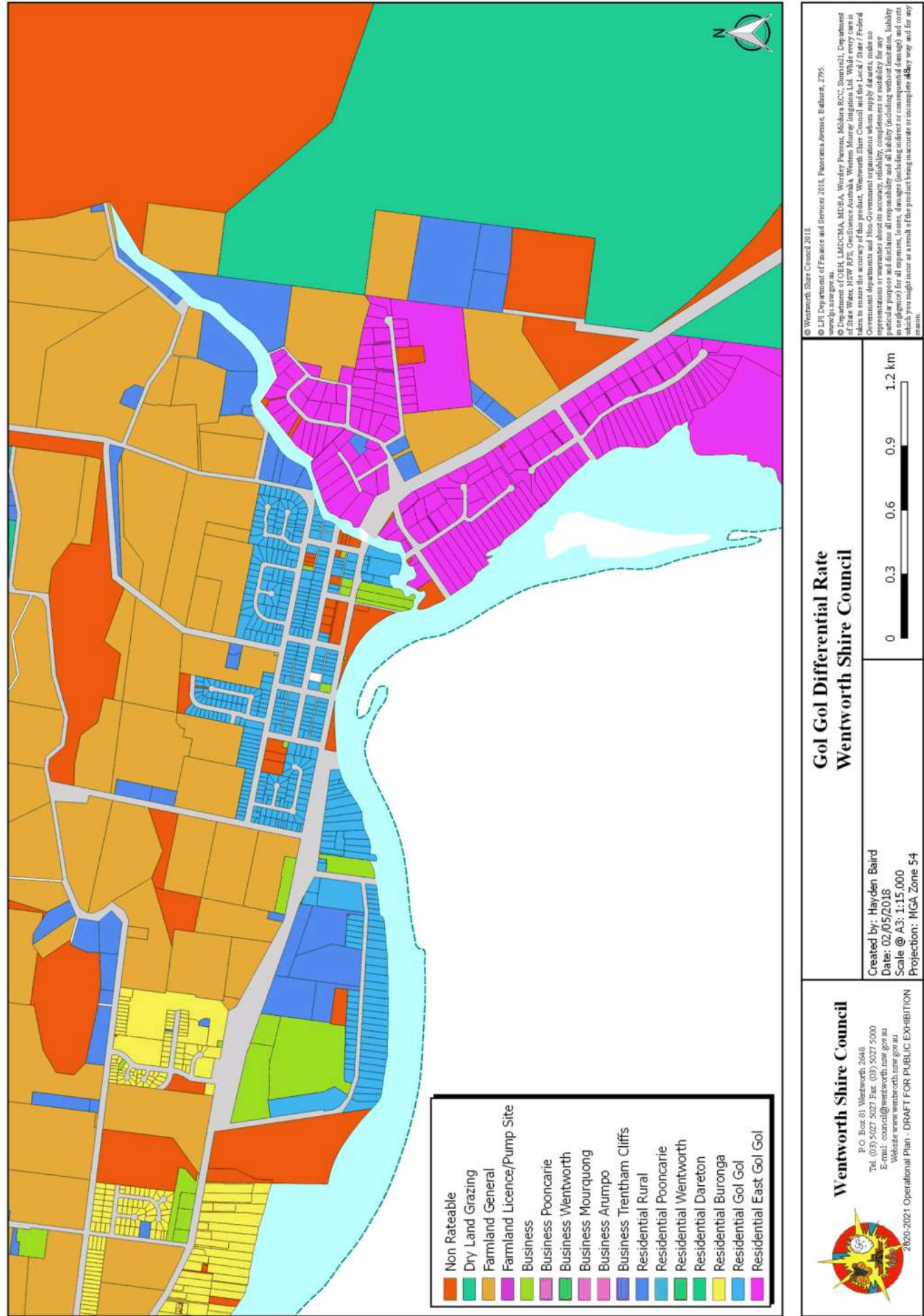












2020/21 OPERATIONAL PLAN

PART 3

Annual Fees and Charges

The Annual Fees and Charges forms part of the 2020/21 Operational Plan
These documents have been prepared in accordance with Section 403(2) of the
Local Government Act 1993

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Part 3 – Annual Fees and Charges

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Economic Development & Tourism

Paddle Steamer Ruby (P.S. Ruby) Hire

Day Cruises from Wentworth Wharf	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
One Hour Ruby Cruise - minimum booking 30 passengers			
Adult ticket (aged 18 and over)		\$28.00	10%
Child under 18 years of age and Concessional Card Holders		\$18.00	10%
Child under 12 years of age		Free	10%
Family ticket (2 Adults & 2 children)		\$69.00	10%
Two Hour Ruby Cruise - including Lock passage minimum booking 25 passengers			
Adult ticket (aged 18 and over)		\$41.00	10%
Child under 18 years of age and Concessional Card Holders		\$23.00	10%
Child under 12 years of age		Free	10%
Family ticket (2 Adults & 2 children)		\$105.00	10%
Overnight Cruises from Wentworth Wharf of Fotherby Park, including dinner, bed & breakfast	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
1 night - 4 hours steaming and returning to Wentworth	per person	\$214.00	10%
2 nights - 8 hours steaming and return to Wentworth	per person	\$428.00	10%
Longer cruises by arrangement	per person	Quote per charter	10%
Group Booking Packages			
Discount of 10% is available when one booking fills the vessel manifest			
Static Vessel Hire at Wentworth Wharf or Fotherby Park (see note 6)	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Overnight Accommodation Hire at Wentworth Wharf or Fotherby Park			
Cabin accommodation only - Minimum 20 adult passengers	per person	\$41.00	10%
Cabin including breakfast - Minimum 20 adult passengers	per person	\$51.00	10%
Cabin including dinner, bed & breakfast - Minimum 20 adult passengers	per person	\$105.00	10%
Static Vessel Hire at Fotherby Park	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Group Hire - Full day, dry hire - Maximum 30 passengers (NO BYO)		\$868.00	10%
Conference Hire - Full day, light lunch & refreshments - Maximum 25 passengers		\$1,737.00	10%
Celebration Hire - Half day hire - Maximum 80 passengers on vessel (NO BYO)		\$1,737.00	10%
* A Bond is payable for all Static Hire Bookings		\$500.00	0%
Additional Information	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Audio Visual Equipment Hire			
LCD Screen and DVD Player	per day	\$60.00	10%
Specialty Catering Requests			
Any special catering packages/requirements are to be negotiated at additional cost.			10%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hiring's)			
Note: Hirers are responsible for cleaning and rubbish removal. If required, the cost for additional cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.		Cost	10%

Paddle Steamer Ruby Hire (P.S. Ruby) additional notes:

- (1) The Vessel may only carry 100 day passengers
- (2) The Wheelhouse deck may only carry 30 persons at a time
- (3) The passenger deck may only carry 60 persons at any time
- (4) All passengers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- (5) Overnight Cruises require 20 passengers to fill a booking.
- (6) Fotherby Park provides overnight parking in a CCTV controlled area
- (7) Each cabin has one upper and one lower bunk
- (8) Luggage space in cabins is limited
- (9) Linen is also included in all overnight cruises
- (10) Single cabin occupancy rate is 70% of the fees shown
- (11) Special dietary requirements are to be made known at the time of booking
- (12) There are no disabled or wheelchair facilities on board
- (13) Animals are not permitted on board
- (14) An Officer of P.S. Ruby will be in attendance at all hire events
- (15) Extra security is the responsibility of the hirer

Note: Embarkation may be cancelled by the Captain at his absolute discretion

Planning & Development Applications

Development and Construction

Construction Certificates	Fee (Including GST)	GST
The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.35% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST). They levy calculator can be accessed at http://www.longservice.nsw.gov.au/bci/levy/other-information/levy-calculator		
Class 1a Buildings (Dwellings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$414.00	10%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$508.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,011.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,614.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,026 plus \$1.80 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)		
Up to \$5,000	\$414.00	10%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$470.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$700.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$994.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$1,333 plus \$1.70 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Class 2 - 9 Buildings (Commercial, Industrial & Public Buildings)		
Up to \$5,000	\$508.00	10%
\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$1,011.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,614.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,027.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,583 plus \$1.90 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	10%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	10%
\$200,001 and above	1%	10%
Complying Development Certificates	Fee (Including GST)	GST
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\$5,001 to \$20,000 of Building Value	\$508.00	10%
\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,011.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$1,614.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,026 plus \$1.80 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Class 10 Buildings (Sheds, Carports, Pools, Fences)		
Up to \$5,000	\$414.00	10%
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\$20,001 to \$100,000 of Building Value	\$1,614.00	10%
\$100,001 to \$250,000 of Building Value	\$2,027.00	10%
\$250,001 + of Building Value	\$2,583 plus \$1.90 per \$1,000 over \$250,000	10%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	10%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	10%
\$200,001 and above	1%	10%
Civil Works	Fee (Including GST)	GST
The Long Service Levy Corporation Fee is payable at 0.35% of the value of building and construction work where the cost of the building is \$25,000 or more (inclusive of GST). The levy calculator can be accessed at http://www.longservice.nsw.gov.au/bci/levy/other-information/levy-calculator		
Plan Checking Fee		
2- 3 Lots	\$122.00	10%
4 - 20 Lots	\$364.00	10%
21 - 49 Lots	\$607.00	10%
50 Plus Lots	\$849.00	10%
Civil Works construction certificate	\$924 or 1.5% of total project cost whichever is greater	10%
Contribution Plan (if applicable)		
Up to \$100,000	0%	10%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	0.50%	10%
\$200,001 and above	1%	10%
Headworks Charges (Servicing Plans 1 & 2)		
Filtered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,489.00	0%
Unfiltered water fee (per Lot)	\$1,614.00	0%
Sewerage Fee (per Lot)	\$7,787.00	0%
Stormwater Fee	\$0.94 per sqm of original area to be subdivided	0%
Sundry Building Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Certificate and progress reports on buildings under construction	\$162.00	10%
Minor amendments to Construction Certificates / Complying Development Certificates	\$162.00	10%
Amendment > 50% of plan – Construction / Complying Development Certificates	50% of fee for new application	10%
2 nd re-inspection for a mandatory building inspection stage	\$190.00	10%
Subscriber fee for provision of ABS data – full year	\$207.00	0%
Search and copy of records (per search)	\$91.00	0%
Copy of building plans (per sheet)	Standard Copy Fee	10%
Private Certifier lodgement fee (cl 263 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$36.00	0%

Application for inspection of dwelling to be re-sited		
- dwelling outside of Council area	\$350 + .88c per km	10%
- dwelling within Council area	\$351.00	10%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 where work involves no additional floor space (cl 260 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$250.00	0%
Building Information Certificate – Class 1 & 10 involving additional floor space (cl 260 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$250 + \$0.50 per m ² over 200m ²	0%
Inspection Fee where more than one inspection is required prior to issuing a Building Information Certificate (cl 260(2) EP&A Reg 2000)	\$90.00	10%
Building Information Certificate where a DA, CDC or CC was required for the erection of the building or any of the other conditions prescribed in Regulation 260(3A) of the EP & A Act Apply. Note: DA, CC or CDC fee addition only applies if the building erection/alteration happened 2 years immediately preceding date of building certificate application.	Relevant DA & CC, or CDC fee that should have been paid + \$250	0%
Fee for copy of a Building Information Certificate (cl 261 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$13.00	0%
Infrastructure Protection Permit Fee (includes inspections)	\$192.00	0%
Infrastructure Bond (Refundable) – This bond applies to all construction works \$25,001 and above.	\$1,670.00	0%

Planning & Development Applications

Development and Construction

Swimming Pool Inspection Fee	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Audit inspection initiated by Council – 1 st Inspection	\$0.00	0%
Mandatory inspection for a swimming pool (cl 18A Swimming Pool Reg 2008)	\$150.00	10%
Follow up inspection when 1 st inspection not compliant (cl 18A Swimming Pool Reg 2008)	\$100.00	10%
Local Government Act Approvals	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Application to install on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS)	\$431.00	0%
Application to amend on-site Sewerage Management System (Septic Tank/AWTS)	\$431.00	0%
Install Grey Water System	\$248.00	0%
Amend Grey Water System	\$141.00	0%
Raw Water Sign	\$6.00	10%
Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$610.00	0%
Amendment to Industrial Sewerage Management System (20 plus persons)	\$610.00	0%
Application for approval to connect to sewer	\$431.00	0%
Application to amend existing sewer plan	\$431.00	0%
2 nd re-inspection for a mandatory plumbing inspection stage	\$134.00	0%
Section 68 Installation of a Relocatable Home, Moveable Dwelling or Associated Structure		
Up to \$5,000 of Building Value	\$53 + 0.5%	10%
\$5,001 - \$100,000 of Building Value	\$79 + 0.3%	10%
\$100,001 - \$250,000 of Building Value	\$378 + 0.2%	10%

>\$250,001 of Building Value	\$693 + 0.1%	10%
Stormwater Legal Point of Discharge	\$72.00	0%
Caravan Parks – Inspection fee + (per site) 5 year fee	\$300 + \$5 (per site)	0%
Caravan Parks noncompliance re-inspection fee (per hour)	\$174.00	0%
Section 68 Local Government Approvals not otherwise listed – Refer Appendix B	\$232.00	0%
Development Applications	Fee (Including GST)	GST
The Planning Reform Fund is payable at 0.064% of the value of works where the cost of development is greater than \$50,000. (cl 246B EP & A Reg 2000)		
Up to \$5,000	\$110.00	0%
From \$5,001 to \$50,000	\$170 plus \$3 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost	0%
From \$50,001 to \$250,000	\$352 plus \$3.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000	0%
From \$250,001 to \$500,000	\$1,160 plus \$2.34 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$250,000	0%
From \$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$1,745 plus \$1.64 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$500,000	0%
From \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	\$2,615 plus \$1.44 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$1,000,000	0%
More than \$10,000,001	\$15,875 plus \$1.19 per \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$10,000,000	0%
Misc. Planning Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Modification of DA S4.55(1) Minor Error, Misdescription or Miscalculation as per cl 258 EP&A Reg 2000 (no fee charged if agreed Council error)	\$71.00	0%
All other Modifications - S4.55(1A), S4.55(2) & S4.56	50% of original DA fee up to the maximum fee of \$645	0%
Request for LEP Amendment	\$6,367.00	0%
Request for s8.2(1)(a)(b) Review of determination as per cl 257 EP&A Reg 2000		0%
In the case of a development application that does not involve the erection of building, the carrying out of a work or the demolition of a work or building.	50% of the original lodgement fee	0%
In the case of a development application that involves the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or less	\$190.00	0%
In the case of any other development application		
Estimated development costs up to \$5,000	\$55.00	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$5,001 - \$250,000	\$85, plus an additional \$1.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$5,000	0%

Estimated development costs of between \$250,001 - \$500,000	\$500, plus an additional \$0.85 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$250,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$500,001 - \$1,000,000	\$712, plus an additional \$0.50 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$500,000	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$1,000,001 - \$10,000,000	\$987, plus an additional \$0.40 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$1,000,000	0%
Estimated development costs in excess of \$10,000,000	\$4,737, plus an additional \$0.27 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost exceeding \$10,000,000	0%
Additional fee if notice of the application is required to be given under Section 8.5 of the Act.	Up to \$620	0%
Request for s8.2(1)(c) review of decision to reject an application as per cl 257A EP&A Reg 2000		
Estimated development costs up to \$100,000	\$55.00	0%
Estimated development costs of between \$100,001 - \$1,000,000	\$150.00	
Estimated development costs in excess of \$1,000,000	\$250.00	
Mooring Sites (private)	\$330.00	0%
Mooring Sites (commercial)	\$654.00	0%
Development Requiring Advertising as per cl 252 EP&A Reg 2000	Min \$205 Max \$1,105	0%
Fee for an advertising structure	\$347 plus \$115 for each advertisement in excess of one	0%
Subdivisions	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Development Application Lodgement (cl 249 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$330 plus \$53 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Involving opening of a public road (cl 249 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$665 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Strata Subdivision (cl 249 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$330 plus \$65 for every additional lot created by the subdivision	0%
Subdivision Certificate Application Fee	\$231 plus \$5.00 per lot	10%
Section 10.7 Certificates	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) & (5) - Per Lot (cl 259 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$133.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (2) - Per Lot (cl 259 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$53.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 (5) - Per Lot (cl 259 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$80.00	0%
Certificate under Section 10.7 Urgent Fee	\$122.00	0%
Sewer Diagram	\$20.00	0%
Notification of Outstanding Orders	\$72.00	10%
Certificate under Section 735A of the Local Government Act 1993	\$72.00	10%

Designated Development	Fee (Including GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for a designated development (cl 251 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$920.00	0%
Designated Development Advertising Fee (fee is as per Clause 252 of the EP&A Reg 2000)	\$2,220.00	0%
Integrated Development	Fee (Including GST)	GST
In addition to any other fees payable for a development application an additional fee is payable for an integrated development (cl 253 EP&A Reg 2000)	\$140 plus additional \$320 per body for each approval body	0%
Permissive Occupancy Licence Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Application Fee (new or transfer)	\$198.00	0%
Annual Rent Payable	\$198.00	0%

Regulatory Functions

Public Health Program Inspection Fees

Public Health Program Inspection Fees	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Food Premises Registration/Change of Details Fee	\$55.00	0%
Hairdressers & food premises - administration fee (yearly)	\$170.00	0%
Hairdressers & food premises - fee per inspection	\$135.00	0%
Maximum fee for issuing improvement notice (including one reinspection)	\$442.00	0%
Temporary Event - Application to Sell Food Fee (single day/event)	\$60.00	0%
Annual approval (covers all events for the year)	\$150.00	0%
Cooling Tower Inspections – administration fee (yearly)	\$170.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$135.00	0%
Per km	\$0.38 per km	0%
Warm Water Systems Inspections – administration fee (yearly)	\$170.00	10%
Fee per inspection	\$135.00	0%
Per km	\$0.38 per km	0%

Note: A minimum of 1 inspection conducted annually, depending on hazard rating. Some premises may have up to 4 scheduled inspection per year.

Companion Animal Fees

Other Regulatory Function Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Micro-chipping Service	\$56.00	10%
Surrender Fees	\$95.00	0%
Release Fee - Cats	\$95.00	0%
Release Fee - Dogs	\$95.00	0%
Release Fee - Livestock (per animal)	\$95.00	0%
Livestock Sustenance - per day	\$16.00	10%
Trap Hire - Refundable Deposit	\$30.00	0%
Impounded Vehicles	\$490.00	10%
Animal Services Officer - After hours attendance (in addition to any fines imposed)	\$263.00	10%
Lifetime Registration Fees (as per Companion Animals Regulation 2008)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Desexed animal	\$58.00	0%
Animal under 6 months not desexed	\$58.00	0%
Non-desexed animal	\$210.00	0%

Breeder (recognised) concession	\$58.00	0%
Pensioner concession (desexed animal only)	\$25.00	0%
Pound/Shelter animal 50% discount	\$29.00	0%
Lifetime Registration - assistant dogs	Free	0%

Note: The lifetime registration fees are set by the Office of Local Government and subject to change by the office of Local Government. The fees shown reflect amendments effective from 1 July 2019.

Waste Management Charges

Landfill Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
1 Bag of Rubbish	\$4.00	10%
Station wagon / car boot	\$15.00	10%
Domestic (Home) Waste		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$20.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$36.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$53.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$40.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$61.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$83.00	10%
Commercial/Industrial (Work) Waste		
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level	\$30.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - heaped	\$54.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - caged	\$79.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level	\$60.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - heaped	\$91.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - caged	\$125.00	10%
Truck loads - (per tonne)	\$106.00	10%
Concrete (per tonne) - excluding concrete pipes	\$109.00	10%
6 x 4 Trailer / Utility - water level - concrete	\$15.00	10%
7 x 4 Tandem Trailer or larger - water level - concrete	\$25.00	10%
Asbestos (per tonne)	\$204.00	10%
Problematic Waste	\$159.00	10%
Disposal of car bodies	NIL	0%
Green Waste	NIL	0%
Car and Motorbike Tyres	\$15.00	10%
Small Truck Tyres	\$22.00	10%
Large Truck Tyres	\$40.00	10%
Super Single Tyre	\$40.00	10%
Earthmoving/Tractor Tyres	\$175.00	10%
Waste Oil (petroleum oils only) (Buronga & Wentworth only)	NIL	0%
Scrap Metal - clean fill	NIL	0%
Chemical Drums (clean and dry)	NIL	0%
Recycling (paper, cans, plastic bottles, glass)	NIL	0%
Cardboard, batteries, gas cylinders	NIL	0%
Mattress - Single	\$18.00	10%
Mattress - Double or bigger	\$34.00	10%
Deep Burial	\$134.00	10%

Trade Waste Charges

Trade Waste Fees and Usage Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Annual Trade Waste Fee		
Category 1 Discharger	\$119.00	10%
Category 2 Discharger	\$237.00	10%
Large Discharger	\$796.00	10%
Industrial Discharger	\$237.00	10%
Re-inspection Fee	\$111.00	10%
Trade Waste Usage Charges per kL		
Category 1 Discharge with appropriate equipment (note 1)	\$0.00	10%
Category 1 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$3.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge with appropriate equipment (note 1)	\$222.00	10%
Category 2 Discharge without appropriate pre-treatment	\$21.00	10%
Food Waste Disposal	\$38.00	10%
Non-compliance pH charge		
Value of coefficient K in equation 3 of Liquid Trade Waste Policy	\$2.00	10%
Excess Mass Charges - Substance price per kg	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Aluminium	\$2.00	10%
Ammonia (as N)	\$3.00	10%
Arsenic	\$100.00	10%
Barium	\$49.00	10%
Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)	\$100.00	10%
Boron	\$100.00	10%
Bromide	\$21.00	10%
Cadmium	\$462.00	10%
Chloride	\$2.00	10%
Chlorinated hydrocarbons	\$49.00	10%
Chlorinated phenolics	\$1,997.00	10%
Chlorine	\$3.00	10%
Chromium	\$32.00	10%
Cobalt	\$21.00	10%
Copper	\$21.00	10%
Cyanide	\$100.00	10%
Fluoride	\$5.00	10%
Formaldehyde	\$3.00	10%
Oil and Grease (Total O&G)	\$2.00	10%
Herbicides/defoliant	\$999.00	10%
Iron	\$3.00	10%

Excess Mass Charges - Substance price per kg	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Lead	\$49.00	10%
Lithium	\$9.00	10%
Manganese	\$9.00	10%
Mercaptans	\$100	10%
Mercury	\$3,329.00	10%
Methylene blue active substances (MBAS)	\$100.00	10%
Molybdenum	\$100.00	10%
Nickel	\$32.00	10%
Nitrogen (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen - Ammonia) as N	\$25.00	10%
Organoarsenic compounds	\$999.00	10%
Pesticides general (excludes organochlorines and organophosphates)	\$999.00	10%
Petroleum hydrocarbons (non-flammable)	\$4.00	10%
Phenolic compounds (non-chlorinated)	\$9.00	10%
Phosphorous (Total PP)	\$3.00	10%
Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons	\$21.00	10%
Selenium	\$70.00	10%
Silver	\$2.00	10%
Sulphate (SO4)	\$2.00	10%
Sulphide	\$3.00	10%
Sulphite	\$3.00	10%
Suspended Solids (SS)	\$2.00	10%
Thiosulphate	\$2.00	10%
Tin	\$9.00	10%
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	\$2.00	10%
Uranium	\$9.00	10%
Zinc	\$21.00	10%
Charges for tankered waste - Fees in \$/kL (note 1)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Chemical Toilet	\$22.00	0%
Septic Tank Waste		
Effluent	\$3.00	0%
Septage	\$28.00	0%
Charges for use of Riverboat Pump-Out Stations (per each dump)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Disposal of effluent from riverboats	\$28.00	10%
Use of key to access pump out facility (refundable deposit)	\$30.00	0%

Note: Only applies to liquid trade waste dischargers with appropriately and/or maintained pre-treatment facilities.

Finance and Customer Service Fees

GIPA Requests	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Government Information Public Access Request (GIPA)			
Application Fee (as per the Act)		\$30.00	0%
Processing Charges (1st hour included, cost per each hour thereafter) as per the Act		\$30.00	0%
Retrieval and copying of previous years Council Minutes (charge is per meeting)		\$36.00	0%
Sundry Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Photocopying A4		\$0.25	10%
Photocopying A3		\$0.50	10%
Colour Photocopying A4		\$1.00	10%
Colour Photocopying A3		\$2.00	10%
Grants – Preparation of funding applications on behalf of others	per hour	\$101.00	10%
Grants – Auspice of grant funds on behalf of others (this covers preparation of reports for funding body & audit certificate)		\$1,477 plus 1% of funding amount	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A2		\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A1		\$12.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Full Colour A0		\$16.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A2		\$4.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A1		\$7.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Line Art A0		\$8.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A2		\$12.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A1		\$20.00	10%
Map Copy Charges - Imagery A0		\$23.00	10%
Laminating A4		\$5.00	10%
Laminating A3		\$9.00	10%
Scanning - small black & white logos etc.		\$7.00	10%
Scanning - colour photos (standard size)		\$9.00	10%
Licenses and Permits	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Tent Erection Fees - outside licensed Caravan Parks		\$112.00	0%
Tent Erection / Clearing		\$647.00	0%
Deposits - Tents for Circus, travelling shows and other commercial enterprises		\$600.00	0%
Valuer General's Insertion into Rates Notices	per hour	\$70.00	0%
Misc. Rates Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
603 Certificate		\$85.00	0%
603 Certificate Urgent Request		\$128.00	0%
Special Meter Reading - 603 Certificate		\$70.00	0%
Meter Check - Fault Report		\$120.00	0%
Copy of Rates Notice (per request)		\$10.00	0%
General Administration Fee		\$25.00	0%
Extraction from Valuation Book		\$22.00	0%
Rural Addressing - Provision of new address plate or replacement plate		\$45.00	0%
Account review administration fee		\$134.00	10%
Dishonour Fee (Bpay, Bill Pay & Direct Debit)		\$25.00	0%
Interest on overdue rates		7.50%	0%

Note: These fees are GST exempt if associated with the provision of regulatory information

Library Fees

Service	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Inter-library Loans, Late returns and Damages		
Inter-library Loans	\$3.00	10%
Lost or Damaged Items	Original Cost + \$7.00	10%
Book Covering		
Plastic / contact (small)	\$4.00	10%
Plastic / contact (medium)	\$5.00	10%
Plastic / contact (large)	\$5.00	10%
Dust jacket (small)	\$5.00	10%
Dust jacket (medium)	\$5.00	10%
Dust jacket (large)	\$6.00	10%
Photocopying / Printing / Scanning		
A4 photocopy or print	\$0.25	10%
A4 photocopy - coloured print	\$1.00	10%
A3 photocopy or print	\$0.50	10%
A3 photocopy - coloured print	\$2.00	10%
Facsimile		
First page	\$5.00	10%
Subsequent pages each	\$2.00	10%
Overseas minimum charge	\$9.00	10%
Receiving fax (per 5 pages)	\$3.00	10%
Laminating		
Business card	\$5.00	10%
A4	\$5.00	10%
A3	\$9.00	10%
Replacement Library Card		
Adult	\$3.00	0%
Child	\$3.00	0%
Visitor Deposit (refundable)	\$20.00	0%

Roads & Engineering Support

Service	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Road Opening Permits		
Permit	\$154.00	0%
Refundable deposits (note 1):		
Road opening fee	\$525.00	0%
For works in a constructed nature strip with concrete footpath	\$368.00	0%
For works in an unpaved constructed nature strip	\$210.00	0%
New works which may affect Council assets such as footpaths, sewer, drainage & water supply	\$1,418.00	0%
Traffic Management Plans		
Plan Preparation Fee	\$154.00	10%
Plan Assessment Fee	\$141.00	0%
Hire Fee per day - Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$29.00	10%
Refundable Deposit (note 2)		
Hire of Signs / Bollards / Traffic Cones	\$210.00	0%
Bins		
Bin Hire (per bin, per day - includes 1 emptying/cleaning)	\$23.00	10%
Each additional empty/clean (per bin)	\$23.00	10%
Replacement of Mobile Garbage Bin	\$103.00	10%
Misc. services		
Hire of barbeque - per day	\$185.00	10%
Access permits - Heavy Vehicle National Law	\$95.00	10%
Weeds Inspections		
Inspections within the built up horticultural areas (i.e. Wentworth to Monak)	\$174.00	10%
Inspections in rural areas (travel is calculated to and from the property)	\$174/hr plus \$55/hr after the first 2 hours + .85c per km	10%
Grid Replacement (refer Fencing and Grid Policy) added 18/03/2020		
Co-contribution towards fencing when removal of a grid has been agreed to in writing.	Up to \$2,500 per km of fencing for a maximum amount of 5km per grid.	10%

Notes:

(1) On completion of the job, the deposit will be refunded, less the restoration charges and any additional costs which may be required to restore the trench.

(2) The restoration charges covers sealing and relaying of concrete surfaces and the top surface for gravel and earth. Any additional works are an extra charge. If the costs are greater than the deposit, a charge will be made.

Hire of Plant Items

Plant Item (refer notes) (Price per hour unless otherwise stated)	Plant Number (s)	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
CAT 12M	533 & 534	per hour	\$326.00	10%
Tractors and Implements	34, 39 & 51	per hour	\$228.00	10%
CAT Backhoe	30	per hour	\$203.00	10%
CAT 910F FEL	31	per hour	\$212.00	10%
John Deere Tractor & Implements	41	per hour	\$260.00	10%
CAT D6 Dozer	36	per hour	\$326.00	10%
JCB Loadalls	44	per hour	\$235.00	10%
CAT 938F FEL	47	per hour	\$221.00	10%
Low Loader Prime Mover	507	per km	\$8.95	10%
Low Loader	75	per hour	\$326.00	10%
Bitelli MT Rollers	56 & 57	per hour	\$228.00	10%
CAT 613B scraper	55	per hour	\$260.00	10%
Bomag Vib Roller	58	per hour	\$203.00	10%
Mobile Street Sweeper	65	per hour	\$203.00	10%
Bobcat & Attachments	62	per hour	\$342.00	10%
CAT mini excavator	67	per hour	\$342.00	10%
Water Carts	513, 519 & 523	per hour	\$188.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	483 & 520	per hour	\$252.00	10%
Truck and Dogs	531 & 771	per hour	\$252.00	10%
Tip Truck	536	per hour	\$203.00	10%

Notes:

- (1) The above rates include the hire of the equipment and a qualified operator.
- (2) These rates are for weekday work only. Any works required to be done out of normal working hours or on weekend will incur additional penalty rates.
- (3) The above hire charges have been set so as to be similar to, or above the rate of, local contractors for

Cemeteries

Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Coomealla - Lawn Section	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Purchase of burial plot	\$1,056.00	10%
1st interment	\$1,462.00	10%
2nd interment	\$1,462.00	10%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$909.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in a burial plot	\$406.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$255.00	10%
Monumental (Denominational) Wentworth, Gol Gol, Pooncarie and Cal Lal	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Purchase of plot	\$1,056.00	10%
1st interment	\$1,626.00	10%
2nd interment	\$1,781.00	10%
Placement of infant in existing grave site (shelved grave)	\$909.00	10%
Removal or exhumation of body (Court consent if necessary)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal/replacement of monument for excavation (works to be undertaken by a Monumental Mason)	Actual Cost	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Placement of ashes in plot	\$406.00	10%
Affixing a plaque	\$255.00	10%
Cal Lal Cemetery – all purchases and interments quoted on a case by case basis	Actual Cost	10%
Niche Wall - Coomealla Memorial Gardens	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Purchase Plot in Niche Wall - includes purchase of standard size black stone tile (maximum of 2 sets of ashes per plot)	\$659.00	10%
Placement of ashes in Niche Wall & fixing of stone tile (per set of ashes). NB Engraving of stone tile is not included	\$441.00	10%
Re-open of existing Niche	\$406.00	10%
Location and consent to place Monument or Headstone	\$155.00	10%
Amendment to Headstone	\$41.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Ground Plots (placement of plaques or memorial items)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Coomealla, Wentworth and Gol Gol	\$487.00	10%
Placement of ashes in ground plots	\$406.00	10%
Re-open of existing Ground Plot	\$406.00	10%
Removal of ashes - Consent required	Actual Cost	10%
Plot Selection	Fee (Including GST)	GST
On-site attendance by WSC Officer to assist in plot selection	\$80.00	10%
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat	Actual Cost	10%

Additional notes (all cemeteries and memorials)	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Memorial seating – purchase & installation of approved memorial seat and supply of plaque for engraving by purchaser. NB There is the option to halve the cost by installing two memorial plaques on one seat.		
Additional fee – internments conducted on weekends and public holidays (only available between 9.00am and 1.00pm)	\$400.00	10%
Placement of black granite remembrance plaque – (150 x 150mm) – Sextons Hut Wentworth Cemetery (includes inscription & installation)	\$480.00	10%
As from 01 July 2019 internments are charged at the applicable rate at the time of internment and are not able to be pre-paid. All pre-paid internments prior to this date will be honored.		

Recreational Facilities

Casual Hire of Shire Owned Halls, Meeting Rooms and Sporting Pavilions/Stadiums (NB Midway Centre fees are listed separately)

Town Halls

- Wentworth
- Pooncarie
- Curlwaa
- Anabranah
- Pomona

Community Meeting Rooms

- Wentworth Memorial Rooms
- Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms
- Community Meeting Room (Wentworth Town Hall)
- Dareton Activity Centre

Hire Type- Building only with access to any amenities	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) 4 hours or less (note 1)	\$46.00	10%
Community (not for profit) more than 4 hours (note 1)	\$101.00	10%
Bond Community Group (note 2)	\$100.00	0%
Business or Private Function use - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$117.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$233.00	10%
Bond Business or Private Function	\$500.00	0%
Commercial Function per 24 hour period (note 3) - Includes any event where there will be an entrance fee charged or any Trade Show, Fair, Field Day or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$233.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$387.00	10%
Bond Commercial Function (GST Free)	\$500.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Additional Charges (all hirings)		
Cleaning & Rubbish removal - NB The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%
Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service Organisations from within WSC		
Registered Schools (including pre-schools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.		

Recreational Facilities

Hire Type - Park, Oval and Reserve with access to any amenities		
Alcheringa Oval Wentworth Wharf Lawns George Gordon Oval Fotherby Park Pooncarie Oval Sturt Park McLeod Oval James King Park Junction Park Perry Sandhills Strother Park Tapio Park Wentworth Rowing Club Lawns		
Hire Type - Park, Oval and Reserve with access to any amenities	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Community Use		
Community (not for profit) Half Day Hire	\$46.00	10%
Community (not for profit) Day Hire more than 4 hours	\$101.00	10%
Bond - Community Group	\$100.00	0%
Business or Private Function per 24 hour period NB - Includes reunions or other private gatherings or business/trade related functions where no entry fees are charged.		
4 hours or less	\$117.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$233.00	10%
Bond – Business or Private Hire	\$500.00	0%
Bond - Small civil ceremonies, no items to be erected and no catering	\$100.00	0%
Commercial Events, Circus or other performances NB - Includes any event for which there will be an entrance fee or ticket sold, or any Trade Shows, Fairs, Field Days or other event at which goods will be sold.		
4 hours or less	\$194.00	10%
4 hours to 24 hour period	\$387.00	10%
Bond Commercial Events, Circus or Other Performance	\$1,000.00	0%
Weekly Rate - Any Single Hirer		
Discount applied to Daily rate x 5 or 7 days	10% discount	10%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) NB - The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	Cost	10%
Hire of Council venues for School & Community Service Organisations from within WSC		
Registered Schools (including pre-schools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made. For Community/Private Use the above charge will only apply in the following instances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are expected to be more than 50 attend • The use of the facility includes the use of inflatable/amusement devices etc • The use of the facility requires the use of onsite power or the supply of bins • The use of the facility requires road closures 		

Recreational Facilities

Wentworth Showgrounds Hire			
<p>The following areas are available for hire:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horse Yards & Stalls • Festival Parade • Arena • Dog Show Parkland <p>Camping is not permitted at the showgrounds unless it is in conjunction with an event.</p>			
Hire Type – Casual Hire of Showgrounds	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Hire of Designated Areas and amenities. Hire cost is for each designated area per each 24 hour period.		\$154.00	10%
Bond		\$500.00	0%
Cleaning & Rubbish removal (all hirings) Note: The cost for cleaning & rubbish removal will be deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.		Cost	10%
Camping (per 24 hour period) NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Unpowered Site		\$24.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$9.00	10%
Powered Site		\$32.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Site		\$9.00	10%
Hire Type – Primitive Camping on any reserve (per 24 hour period) NB: Camping is only permissible in conjunction with an event being staged at the site	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Unpowered Site		\$24.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$9.00	10%
Powered Site		\$32.00	10%
Extra Child		\$6.00	10%
Extra Adult		\$9.00	10%
Family		\$107.00	10%
Adults		\$71.00	10%
Children		\$53.00	10%
Reserve Annual Use Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Reserve Lease Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Lease) Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.		\$233.00	10%
Reserve Licence Application/Administration Fee (Commercial Licence) Note: If legal advice is required, this is charged at cost price.		\$233.00	10%
Temporary Licence to occupy the reserve		\$233.00	10%
Sundry Fees and Charges	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Event Management Fee - for groups without public liability insurance	per hire	\$46.00	10%
Power - access and any use within 24 hour period from time of access	per day per unit accessed	\$29.00	10%

Key Replacement - lost key or not returned	per key	\$29.00	10%
Event Advertising - relates to any road closure, fireworks display, or other event with the potential to cause disruption to traffic, noise or other public disturbance	per event	\$233.00	10%
Hire of Pooncarie Depot Quarters	per person, per night	\$70.00	10%
Swimming Pools	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Admission Charges			
Children		\$4.00	10%
Adults		\$5.00	10%
Non-swimming adults		\$4.00	10%
Swimming Carnivals			
Admission charges for swimming carnivals and out of session groups are by arrangement between Belgravia Leisure and group representatives			
Season Tickets			
Family		\$102.00	10%
Adults		\$68.00	10%
Children		\$50.00	10%
Aerodrome	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Council does not apply landing fees nor passenger levies to either Wentworth or Pooncarie aerodromes			
Hangars at Wentworth aerodrome are privately operated			

Recreational Facilities

Midway Centre Hire Fees	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
<u>Midway Function Centre & meeting rooms</u>			
Stadium (includes stage area)	per hour	\$126.00	10%
Function Room and shared foyer	per hour	\$105.00	10%
Service kitchen (includes crockery, cutlery & glassware for 250 persons)	per use	\$158.00	10%
Meeting Room 1 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$42.00	10%
Meeting Room 2 with shared foyer and shared kitchenette	per hour	\$42.00	10%
Foyer / Gallery Space (as a stand-alone space)	per hour	\$32.00	10%
<u>Midway Serviced Offices</u>			
Health Services Room with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$42.00	10%
Office 1 or 2 with shared foyer & shared kitchenette	per hour	\$32.00	10%
<u>Service Centre Facilities</u> (NB these facilities are only available during centre opening hours)			
Service Centre Officer 1 or 2	per hour	\$33.00	10%
Craft Room	per hour	\$33.00	10%
<u>Bond and cleaning charges</u>	On room hire	25%	
Bond - Casual Users	no discount	\$750.00	0%
Bond - Not for Profit Groups	no discount	\$200.00	0%
One-off Cleaning Charge (if required). Minimum charge \$200.00 deducted from the bond. An invoice will be raised for amounts in excess of the bond paid.	per clean	Min. \$200.00	10%
Midway Centre – Hire Packages & discounts	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Daily Rate - Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$3,938.00	10%
Daily Rate – Stadium, Function Room, Service kitchen and Foyer/Gallery Space.	24 hours	\$2,930.00	10%
Daily Rate – Stadium	24 hours	\$1,512.00	10%
Daily Rate - Function Room, Service kitchen and shared foyer/gallery space	24 hours	\$1,418.00	10%
Multi-day Discount – Hire package for 2 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2019 to be held before 30 June 2020.	discount applied to daily rate	15%	
Multi-day Discount – Hire package for 3 full consecutive days. For events booked before 30 June 2019 to be held before 30 June 2020.	discount applied to daily rate	20%	
Not for Profit Groups (Refer definitions) – 75% Discount for Not for Profit Community Groups based in WSC. 50% Discount for all other Not for Profit Groups. <i>NB cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts.</i>	maximum discount	25%	
Regular User Discount (12 month user agreement as negotiated by Council)	from standard hourly rate	75%	
Equipment & labour hire	Unit of measure	Fee (including GST)	GST
Teleconference equipment	Each use	\$37.00	10%
Portable data projector & stand	Each use	\$21.00	10%
Whiteboard & whiteboard markers	Each use	\$11.00	10%
Urn (20 litre capacity)	Each Use	\$11.00	10%

Labour hire (assistance with set up and pull down) – if required	per person/per hour	\$32.00	10%
Event facilitation and coordination (if required)	per hour	\$158.00	10%
On-site IT support (if required)	per hour	\$158.00	10%

Midway Centre Hire Fees additional notes:**(1) Midway Centre Stadium**

Stadium court with permanent line marking for basketball and netball

Stage area, with maximum seating capacity of 700

Full sound system

(2) Function Room

Carpet floor

Audio Visual Equipment

Tables & Chairs included in hire charge

Maximum seating capacity of 250

(3) Function Room Kitchen

Service Kitchen with crockery & cutlery for 250 people

(4) Meeting Rooms

Carpet Floor

Tables & Chairs included in hire charge

Maximum seating capacity (each room) 40

(5) Kitchenette (shared)

Service or bar kitchen

Limited quantity of crockery & cutlery

(6) Offices

Office with desk/ meeting table and 4 chairs

Access to shared kitchen facilities

(7) Not for profit discount

The discount can only be applied to Registered Not for Profit Organisations, Government and Semi-Government users, State and Federal Members of Parliament. The discount cannot be added to any other discounts.

(8) Regular User discount

The discount can only be applied to users who have entered into a 12 month signed agreement approved by Council.

(9) Additional cleaning charge

Failure to leave the venue clean and tidy, with floors mopped and or vacuumed, toilets cleaned, benches wiped and bins emptied will result in an additional cleaning charge being applied.

(10) Bookings and cancellations

A 20% non-refundable deposit must accompany all bookings, including bookings for community groups who are making application through Council for fee reductions or waivers.

Unless otherwise agreed, an invoice will be raised and must be paid in full within 30 days. Any fee waiver or reduction granted by Council after payment of the invoice will be refunded to the hirer.

Payment of the bond must be made before access permissions are issued for the facility.

A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Cancellation or no show	Amount
Greater than 90 days prior to event	Full refund less deposit paid
Less than 90 days prior to event	50% refund
Less than 1 week prior or no show	Full forfeiture
Bond	Fully refundable

Willow Bend Caravan Park

Fees	Unit of Measure	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Cabins - Off Peak			
Single	per night	\$75.00	10%
Double	per night	\$90.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Single Weekly Stay	per week	\$450.00	10%
Double Weekly Stay	per week	\$510.00	10%
Cabins - Peak			
Single	per night	\$85.00	10%
Double	per night	\$95.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Powered Sites - Off Peak			
Single	per night	\$26.00	10%
Double	per night	\$32.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Weekly Stay	per week	\$180.00	10%
Powered Sites - Peak			
Single	per night	\$32.00	10%
Double	per night	\$35.00	10%
Extra Adult	per night	\$15.00	10%
Children 0 - 5 years	per night	Free	0%
Children 5 - 16 years	per night	\$8.00	10%
Weekly Stay	per week	\$190.00	10%
Un-Powered Camp Sites - Peak & Off Peak			
Per Person (swag)	per night	\$10.00	10%
Double	per night	\$20.00	10%
Single	per night	\$10.00	10%
Dump Station		Gold Coin Donation	

Notes:

(1) Peak (minimum 2 nights) Country Music Festival, Christmas School Holidays, Easter

(2) Linen can be hired at a fee of \$10

(3) Deposit of one nights accommodation required at time of booking

Water & Waste Water

Filtered and unfiltered water supply	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Tapping Fees		
20mm	\$458.00	0%
25mm	\$516.00	0%
32mm	\$732.00	0%
40mm	\$837.00	0%
50mm	\$939.00	0%
80mm	\$1,500.00	0%
100mm	\$1,876.00	0%
Meter Charges		
20 mm meter - filtered	\$306.00	0%
20mm meter - unfiltered	\$327.00	0%
25 mm meter - filtered	\$445.00	0%
25mm meter - unfiltered	\$491.00	0%
32 mm meter - filtered	\$654.00	0%
32 mm meter - unfiltered	\$707.00	0%
40 mm meter - filtered	\$693.00	0%
40 mm meter - unfiltered	\$777.00	0%
50 mm meter - filtered	\$823.00	0%
50 mm meter - unfiltered	\$947.00	0%
80 mm meter - filtered	\$1,302.00	0%
80 mm meter - unfiltered	\$1,473.00	0%
100 mm meter - filtered	\$1,831.00	0%
100 mm meter - unfiltered	\$2,035.00	0%
Misc. Water and Sewer Charges	Fee (Including GST)	GST
Standpipe fee	\$3,624.00	0%
Flow control valve - for unfiltered water to subdivisions - East of Gol Gol creek and at Wentworth Aerodrome	\$58.00	0%
Cut in new sewer junction (supervision fee only - applicant to supply all fittings)	\$183.00	0%

Notes:

- (1) Meter charges is from the meter to inside of building/property
- (2) Meter Charge includes inspection fee
- (3) Unfiltered water includes "Y" strainer

Appendix A - Bodies Granted Exemptions

The following list represents the known value of pre-approved Financial Assistance that have been granted to Organisations for the 2020/21 financial year

Organisation	Purpose	Qty	\$ Waived
Australian Inland Botanic Gardens	Contribution to operational costs	1	\$45,000
Buronga Go Gol Senior Citizens Club	Contribution towards photocopying done at the Buronga Library	1	\$161.00
Buronga Gol Gol Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Midway Meeting Rooms, Kitchen and Foyer @ 3 hours per week	N/a	\$2,208.00
Combined Churches Group	Hiring of Wentworth Town Hall (bond waived) for annual Combined Churches' Christmas carols	1	\$101.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Dareton Senior Citizens Rooms (bond waived)	N/a	\$10,133.00
Coomealla Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$1,216	1	\$578.00
Dareton Community Creative Centre Inc.	Waiver of hire costs for the use of the Dareton Activity Centre	1	\$4,020.00
Gol Gol Hawks Football Netball Club	Use of James King Park for annual Easter fundraising activities	1	\$387.00
Gol Gol Primary School	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual country fair	10	\$230.00
Koori Kids	Donation	1	\$250
Murray House Aged Care	Hiring of Wentworth Town Hall (bond waived) for entertainment activities	1	\$101.00
Murray House Aged Care	Subsidy against annual water rates	1	\$5,000.00
Murray House Fundraising Committee	Hiring of Wentworth Town Hall (bond waived) for fashion parades	2	\$202.00
New South Western Standard Bulletin	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$7,317.00
Rotary Wentworth Op Shop	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$10,884.00
St John's Anglican Ladies Guild	2 Annual Hire Fees for War Memorial Rooms	2	\$92.00
Sunraysia Aero modellers	Hiring of Showgrounds for NSW state model gliding contest	2	\$308.00
Sunraysia Aero modellers	Hiring of wheelie bins for NSW state model gliding contest	2	\$46.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of Wentworth Wharf Lawns (bond waived) for annual Anzac day lunch	1	\$101.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Hiring of wheelie bins for annual Anzac day lunch	4	\$92.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch	Exclusive use of Council controlled building	N/a	\$7,317.00
Wentworth District R.S.L Sub Branch Women's Auxiliary	Annual licence fee for meetings held in Memorial Rooms	1	\$233.00
Wentworth Rotary Club	Hire of Rubbish Bins for Christmas Eve Street Party	8	\$184.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Regular hiring of Wentworth Memorial Rooms (bond waived) 12 uses @ \$91 per day and 24 uses @ \$42 (1/2 day)	N/a	\$2,316.00
Wentworth Senior Citizens Club	Refund of public liability insurance premium up to maximum of \$1,216	1	\$1,880.00
Wentworth Shire Interagency Group	Hire of Dareton Senior Citizen's Room	12	\$360.00
Total amount of funds granted from Donations, Contributions and Grants Program			\$98,501.00

Notes:

(1) Registered Schools (including pre-schools and kindergartens) operating within the Wentworth Shire are granted automatic fee waivers for the hire of any Council venue (hall, meeting room). Any preparation costs (such as line marking of ovals) will be charged at standard cost. Bookings must still be made.

(2) Public Schools operating within the Wentworth Shire end of year presentation day, up to a maximum of \$50.00 per school

Appendix B – Section 68 Local Government Act Approvals Not Otherwise Listed

Health & Planning Division

Public Roads	
1.	Swing or hoist goods across or over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle projecting over the footway
2.	Expose or allow to be exposed (whether for sale or otherwise) any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the road or outside a shop window or doorway abutting the road, or hang an article beneath an awning over the road.
Other Activities	
1.	Operate a public car park
2.	Operate a manufactured home estate
3.	Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance
4.	Install or operate amusement devices
5.	Use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place
6.	Carry out an activity prescribed by the regulations or an activity of a class or description prescribed by the regulations

9.9 DELEGATED AUTHORITY APPROVALS AS AT END OF APRIL 2020

File Number: RPT/20/282

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Nicky Meredith - Coordinator Health and Planning

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.1 Grow the potential for business and industry to develop and expand

Summary

For the month of April 2020, a total of 18 Development Applications and three S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$9,063,126.00. This brings the year to date total to 51 Development Applications approved and 14 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$14,226,619.00.

Recommendation

- a) That Council receives and notes the report for the month of April 2020.
- b) That Council publicly notifies, for the purposes of Schedule 1 Division 4 Section 20 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the applications as listed in the attachment on the Wentworth Shire Council website.
- c) That a division be called in accordance with S375A of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*.

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a list of Development Applications as tabled in Attachment 1, determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning for the month of April 2020, hence complying with the requirements under section 3.20 of the Office of Local Government Promoting Better Practice Program.

Conclusion

The total value of determinations was \$9,063,126.00 for the month of April 2020, which was more than the previous month of \$2,825,301.00. The average determination time was 34 days.

Attachments

1. Determination of Development Applications for the month of April 2020. [↓](#)

DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020

File Number	Owner	Location	Description	Value (Ex GST)	Determination Date	Active Days to 30/04/2020
DA2019/101	Kerrie Pitt	62 Hendy Road Lot 1 DP 853492 Buronga	Dwelling extension & garage	\$450,000.00	7/04/2020	23
DA2019/161	Wentworth Shire Council	Silver City Highway Lot 914 DP 756961 Buronga	Community Health Centre	\$6,000,000.00	16/04/2020	88
DA2019/162	Chelsea Grahame	185 Boeill Creek Road Lot 1 DP 1215859 Boeill Creek	Mooring site	\$0.00	27/04/2020	46
DA2019/163	Tracey & Scott Taylor	150B Renmark Road Lot 6 DP 870517 Wentworth	Hangar - Aircraft storage shed	\$75,000.00	20/04/2020	58
S4-55/2020/005	Gary & Maree Darby	529B Boeill Creek Road Lot 2 DP 777861 Boeill Creek	Two (2) x additional footings to pontoon	\$0.00	7/04/2020	27
DA2020/018	Gerard Davies & Tamisha Teague	56 Adelaide Street Lot 2 DP 634642 Gol Gol	Two storey dwelling, swimming pool with safety barriers & masonry fence	\$450,000.00	16/04/2020	41
DA2020/021	Maddison, Gemma & Mario Cesco	59-61 Wentworth Street Lot 62 DP 756994 Wentworth	Four (4) Lot subdivision	\$0.00	22/04/2020	39
DA2020/023	Crown Land	193 Boggabilla Road Lot C DP 97301 Coomealla	Demolition of dwelling	\$12,000.00	17/04/2020	34
DA2020/024	Gordon Webley	81 Wood Street Lot 2 DP 583145 Gol Gol	Replace existing carport	\$5,100.00	1/04/2020	21
DA2020/025	Grand Junction Pty Ltd	High Darling Road Lot 9 DP 1255922 Pomona	Thirteen (13) Lot subdivision	\$0.00	22/04/2020	36
DA2020/026	Mark Fillery	25 Livingstone Drive Lot 48 DP 1229757 Gol Gol	Dwelling garage & storage shed	\$300,000.00	14/04/2020	25

S4-55/2020/011	Lynette Williams	10b Carbone Court Lot 2 DP 1233515 Buronga	Modify DA2019/133 Amend dwelling design & materials	\$0.00	27/04/2020	34
DA2020/027	Donna Rayson & Aaron Newson	14 William Street Lot 2 DP 834245 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$9,030.65	27/04/2020	33
DA2020/029	Scott Withers & Paige McInnes	218 Pitman Avenue Lot 24 DP 1187677 Buronga	Construction of deck	\$16,500.00	27/04/2020	31
DA2020/031	Wayne & Tania McDonnell	Charon Drive Lot 43 DP 1242927 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$25,000.00	14/04/2020	19
DA2020/032	Jodie & Graeme Birnie	Wurlong Drive Lot 7 DP 1251134 Gol Gol	Storage shed	\$48,000.00	17/04/2020	22
DA2020/033	Leon & Hayley Peacock	Wurlong Drive Lot 14 DP 1251134 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage & storage shed	\$550,000.00	28/04/2020	28
DA2020/034	Chantelle Hill & Timothy Watson	Wurlong Drive Lot 2 DP 1251134 Gol Gol	Dwelling with garage & storage shed	\$650,000.00	22/04/2020	22
S4-55/2020/012	Mervyn & Valerie Robinson	125 - 127 Adelaide Street Lot 34 DP 756946 Gol Gol	Modify DA2018/167 Boundary re-alignment	\$0.00	27/04/2020	39
DA2020/037	Barbara Worrell	28 Helena Street Lot 1 DP 207632 Wentworth	Storage shed	\$11,014.00	28/04/2020	22
DA2020/041	Brendan & Andrea Carter	Kari Drive Lot 20 DP 1242927 Gol Gol	Dwelling garage & storage shed	\$461,481.00	28/04/2020	18

9.10 CLASSIFICATION COUNCIL OWNED LAND AS OPERATIONAL

File Number: RPT/20/243

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: Kathy Collinson - Reserves and Acquisitions Officer

Objective: 2.0 Wentworth is a desirable Shire to visit, live, work and invest

Strategy: 2.5 Maintain/create desirable open spaces and recreation facilities

Summary

Further to the proposed development of a Draft Plan of Management which will include Crown Land managed by Councils under the Crown Land Management Act 2016, confirmation of Council owned land classification as Operational Land is requested.

Recommendation

That Council confirms the classification of the listed Council owned land parcels as being Operational Land.

Detailed Report**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to confirm Council's continued intention to classify the above-mentioned land parcels as Operational as per the requirements of *Local Government Act 1993 – Sect 25 All public land must be classified.*

Background

Council has electronic and hard copy Community and Operational Land registers identifying the classification of land. For the information of the Council and transparency, Council owned land parcels are listed to ensure certainty that they are not to be treated as community land for the purpose of the proposed Draft Plan of Management. A brief description of the infrastructure is provided.

Council has previously undertaken an examination of Council managed Crown Land and sought Crown Land Minister's Consent to classify some Crown lands for which Council is Land Manager as Operational. The outcome of that request is attached.

Matters under consideration

The list of Council owned land parcels that is to be classified as Operational Land is as follows:-

Land Identifier(s)	Description	Location
Lot 1 DP 604281	Depot and Dog Pound	Buronga
Lot 1 DP 604280	Sewerage Pump Station No 1 - off Sturt Hwy	Buronga
Lot 18 DP 825883	Drainage Reserve - Crane Drive	Buronga
Lot 97 DP 756946	Raw Water Tower / Reservoir	Buronga
Lot 8 DP 264142	Raw Water Tower / Area around tower	Buronga

Lot 547 DP 756961	Rural Fire Service Station	Buronga
Lot 1 DP 804789	Filtered Water Pump Station & Rose Garden	Buronga
Lot 1 DP 848480	Water Tower - just after Midway Estate on Sturt Hwy	Buronga
Lot 11 DP 865475	Sewerage Plant Buronga - beside Pump Station No 1 - off Sturt Hwy	Buronga
Lot 18 DP 1107552	Drainage	Buronga
Lot 1 DP 1037845	Buronga Landfill	Buronga
Lot 1 DP 706705	Land adjacent to Riverboat Pump Station	Buronga
Lot 2 DP 865473	Gol Gol / Buronga Sewerage Treatment Work	Buronga
Lot 1 DP 607423	Sewer Effluent Pond	Dareton
Lot 2 DP 607423	Sewer Treatment Plant	Dareton
Lot 1 DP 607424	Sewer Pump Station	Dareton
Lot 1 DP 853243	Filtered Water Supply	Dareton
Lot 1 DP 806638	Sewerage Treatment Ponds – adjacent to Coomealla Memorial Gardens	Dareton
Lot 1 DP 1003559	Rural Fire Service Control Centre	Dareton
Lots 13 & 14 Section 4 DP 758338	Rural Fire Service Fire Station	Dareton
Lot 102 DP 1232722	Sewer Pump Station	Dareton
Lot 19 DP 1103697	Drainage	Gol Gol
Lot 20 DP 1103697	Drainage carriageway	Gol Gol
Lot 19 DP 1103697	Drainage Basin and easement	Gol Gol
Lot 223 DP 705014	Water Tower - Adelaide Street	Gol Gol
Lot 224 DP 705002	Raw Water Pump Station - Adelaide Street	Gol Gol
Lot 1 DP 829902	Water Treatment Plant	Gol Gol
Lot 15 DP 1004939	Drainage Reserve	Gol Gol

Lot 1 DP 1032009	Drainage Reserve	Gol Gol
Lot 17 DP 865438	Buronga/Gol Gol/Dareton Water Supply Augmentation	Gol Gol
Lot 18 DP 865438	Buronga/Gol Gol/Dareton Water Supply Augmentation	Gol Gol
Part Lot 7 DP 865438	Easements for Buronga/Gol Gol/Dareton Water Supply Augmentation	Gol Gol
Lot 3 DP 831865	Pump Station No 6	Gol Gol
Lot 3 DP 816958	Pump Station No 6a	
Lot 23 DP 1204878	Drainage Reserve	Gol Gol
Lot 57 DP 1229757	Drainage Reserve	Gol Gol
Lot 58 DP 1229757	Drainage carriageway	Gol Gol
Lot 2 DP 1229884	Walkway and Drainage	Gol Gol
Lot 63 DP 1259103	Drainage	Gol Gol
Lots 6-10 Sect 14 DP 758851	Depot	Pooncarie
Lot 1 DP 829641	Radio Tower	Pooncarie
Lot 1 DP 829546	Water Treatment Plant	Pooncarie
Lot 3 DP 544956	Sewer Pump Station	Wentworth
Lot 1 Sect 5 DP 759074 Lot 2 Sect 5 DP 759074 Lot 3 Sect 5 DP 759074 Lot 13 DP 264252 Lot 14 DP 264252 Lot 15 Sect 5 DP 759074	Thegoa Lagoon Inlet	Wentworth
Lot 1 DP 705031	Water Tower and Filtered Water Plant	Wentworth
Lot 1 DP 817569	Land adjacent to Water Tower	Wentworth

Lot 3 DP 590321 Lots 76, 77, 78,79 DP 756994 Lot 9 DP 873388	Armstrong Avenue Depot	Wentworth
Lot 2 DP 1109087	Fuel supply section Wentworth Aerodrome	Wentworth
Lots 1, 2, 3 DP 1084410	Murray Street Land for Residential Sub Division	Wentworth
Lot 1 DP 817572	Raw Water Pump Station – within Ski Reserve	Wentworth
Lot 2 DP 817569	Sewerage Settlement Ponds (North of the Golf Course)	Wentworth
Lot 2 Sec 10 DP 1227871	Council Chambers building	Wentworth
Lot 1 DP 767129	Sewer Pump Station	Wentworth
Lot 1 DP 705886	Effluent Disposal System – services Riverboat Pump Station Adams Street.	Wentworth
Lot 1 DP 545955	Drainage Reserve	Wentworth
Lot 90 DP 1149815	Sewerage Works – Thegoa Lagoon	Wentworth
Lot 104 DP 1232727	Sewer Pump Station – Fotherby Park	Wentworth

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

The proposed recommendation is required under the *Local Government Act – Sect 25 All public land must be classified.*

Conclusion

Upon confirmation from the Council the above-mentioned land parcels will be omitted from the proposed Plan of Management.

Attachments

1. Minister's Consent Crown Lands [↓](#)



Planning,
Industry &
Environment

Reference: LBN19/1820

Ms Hilary Dye
Wentworth Shire Council
PO Box 81
Wentworth NSW 2648

Dear Ms Dye,

Subject: Wentworth Shire Council request for consent to manage Crown land as operational land

Thank you for your request for Minister's consent to classify 18 Crown reserves as 'operational land' under section 3.22 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

I have reviewed the information provided and am pleased to advise that as a delegate of the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Council is approved to manage 10 Crown reserves and one part reserve as operational land under the *Local Government Act 1993* (see – Attachment 1).

In making this decision, I have considered justification provided by Council so as to satisfy the Minister that the land:

- a) *does not fall within any of the categories for community land under the LG Act, or*
- b) *could not continue to be used and dealt with as it currently can if it were required to be used and dealt with as community land.*

Please note, Council is able to manage these reserves as operational land except for any appointment conditions and land management rules and Council will be unable to sell the land without further consent of the Minister. All activities on the reserve must be consistent with the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) and therefore consistent with the reserve purpose.

It is noted that Council also requested three Crown reserves and one part reserve to be classified as operational. As the delegate of the Minister, this request has not been supported and the land is to be dealt with as community land. Council is required to submit initial categorisation for these reserves prior to commencing preparation of the Plan of Management (see – Attachment 2).

The remaining four Crown reserves are 'devolved land' and are to be managed in accordance with section 48 of the LG Act OR 'defaulted to the Minister' therefore Council is not able to manage these reserves as if they were public land (see - Attachment 3).

If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact me on 0422 005 533 or via email at council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

CARL MALMBERG
PRINCIPAL POLICY AND PROJECT MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT – CROWN LANDS

Encl.

Attachment 1: *Schedule of Crown reserves to be managed as operational land*
Attachment 2: *Schedule of Crown reserves to be managed as Community land*
Attachment 3: *Schedule of Crown reserves not managed by Council as the Crown land manager Council (s48 of the LG Act)*

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Attachment 1: *Schedule of Crown reserves to be managed as Operational land*

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Lot(s)/DP
R32012	Access	Part Lot 7344 DP 1150178 (See Figure 1)
R71778	Future Public Requirements	Lot 7021 DP 1108010, Lot 7305 DP 1177109, Lots 7306-7307 DP 177111 Lot 449 DP 756961
R81929	Rubbish Depot	Lot 7303 DP 1182431
R84995	Water Supply	Lot 954 DP 756961
R85921	Local Government Purposes	Lots 2A, 3-6 Section 38 DP 759074
R87567	Reservoir	Lots 7016-7017 DP 1123917
R88439	Garbage Depot	Lot 7018 DP 1124694
R89696	Rubbish Depot	Lot 112 DP 756964
R93312	Aviation	Lot 77 DP 820498
R96481	Aviation	Lot 3 DP 819579
R1010468	Community Purposes Other purposes: Rural Services (s121A)	Lots 209-210 DP 756946

Attachment 2: *Schedule of Crown reserves to be managed as Community land*

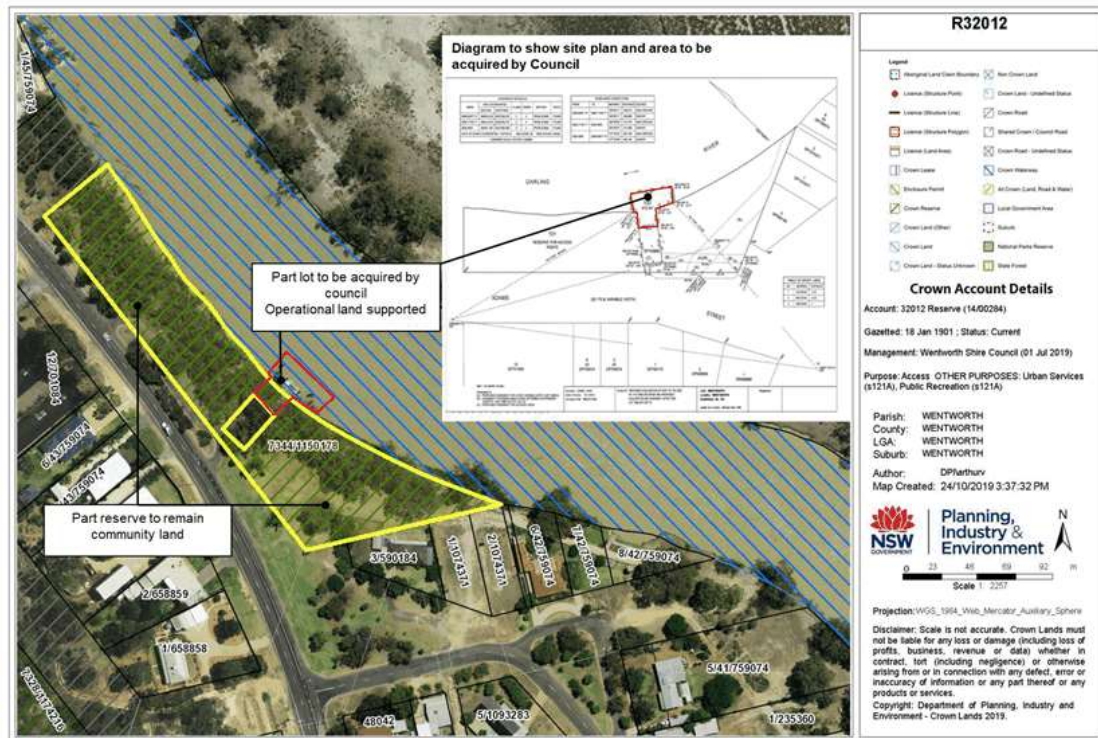
Reserves to be managed as community land after consideration of the reserve purpose and LG Act.

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Lot(s)/DP
R35698	Cemetery	Lot 7300 DP 1156360
R1003148	Cemetery & Crematorium	Lots 1-2 DP 1121904
R1005288	General Cemetery	Lot 225 DP 705014, Lots 4, 6 Section 37 DP 758456
R1003148	Cemetery & Crematorium	Lots 1-2 DP 1121904
R32012	Access	Part Lot 7344 DP 1150178 (See Figure 1)

Attachment 3: *Schedule of Crown Reserves not managed by Council as the Crown land manager*

Reserve No.	Purpose(s)	Management type
R86496	Rubbish Depot	Defaulted to Minister
R98031	Rubbish Depot	Devolved to Council (s48 Local Government Act 1993)
R1000556	General Cemetery	Devolved to Council (s48 Local Government Act 1993)
R1034808	General Cemetery	Devolved to Council (s48 Local Government Act 1993)

Figure 1: R32012 – Purpose 'Access'



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9.11 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/016 DOMESTIC STORAGE SHED 50 THE COBB & CO WAY LOT 61 DP 1071972 GOL GOL

File Number: RPT/20/251

Responsible Officer: Matthew Carlin - Director Health and Planning

Responsible Division: Health and Planning

Reporting Officer: George Kenende - Development Assessment Officer

Objective: 1.0 Wentworth is a vibrant, growing and thriving Shire

Strategy: 1.2 Encourage and support population growth and resident attraction

Summary

A Development Application (DA) (DA2020/016) has been received by Council for a domestic storage shed to be located at 50 The Cobb & Co Way Lot 61 DP 1071972 Gol Gol (the subject site).

The site falls under the R5 Large Lot Residential zone and in accordance with the Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 (WLEP 2011), domestic storage sheds are permissible with consent in that zone.

Recommendation

That Council issues development approval for DA2020/016 being a domestic storage shed located at 50 The Cobb & Co Way Lot 61 DP 1071972 Gol Gol.

That a division be called in accordance with s375A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW)

Detailed Report

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide sufficient information for Council to determine Development Application DA2020/016 having consideration to the detail provided both within this report and the development application.

Background

A Development application was lodged with Council on 14 February 2020 seeking consent for a domestic storage shed on the subject site.

The application was publicly exhibited for 14 days as per Councils Community Participation Plan (CPP). Three objections were received, with the third objection submitted outside the 14 day public exhibition time.

The objections were sent to the applicant who provided a response addressing the issues raised in those objections.

The applicant amended the site plan by moving the shed a further 2m from the front boundary, giving it a front setback of 15m.

The amended site plan was publicly re-notified to the 3 objectors for 7 days, with all 3 objectors submitting further objections to the proposed domestic storage shed. A fourth objection was received during the re-notification period.

This application has been processed and is now being reported to Council for determination due to public interest shown during public exhibition period.

Refer to Attachment 1 Development Application 2020/016.

Matters under consideration

In determining a development application that requires consent, the consent authority must take into consideration matters prescribed in Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as relevant to the development.

The proposed development for a domestic storage shed is permitted with consent in the R5 Large Lot Residential zone as outlined in the *WLEP 2011*.

Due to the domestic nature of the proposed development, it was also assessed against Chapter 4 of the Wentworth Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011. The proposed development satisfied the relevant provisions of the Wentworth Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011. For further details, refer to the Assessment Report.

A total of three submissions were received during the initial notification period and four during the re-notification of the amended site plan for the development application.

All of the submissions received were objections.

The main issues raised by the objectors and officer comments are as follows:

1. Overlooking

Officer Comments: The proposed development is for shed, and no windows will be facing the nearest adjoining property.

2. Over shadowing

Officer Comments: The storage shed is single storey, similar to other sheds in the area. Overshadowing of the proposed storage shed is not anticipated to impact any of the objectors' properties with overall impacts being acceptable in this case.

3. Visual impact: Past sheds have had negative visual impacts and proposed shed will increase that impact

Officer Comments: Each development application is assessed on its own merit. As there are no local instruments for WSC which can address visual impacts of domestic storage sheds the proposal the assessment was done using the Planning Principles.

Assessment using the principles set by Roseth CS in "*Veloshin v Randwick Council [2007] NSWLEC 428*" are as follows:

Are the impacts consistent with impacts that may be reasonably expected under the controls? – No controls in place for size and height of domestic storage sheds on the subject land.

How does the proposal's height and bulk relate to the height and bulk desired under the relevant controls? – No controls in place for size and height of domestic storage sheds on the subject land.

Does the area have a predominant existing character and are the planning controls likely to maintain it? – The character for the area is for storage sheds to be in the front yard and dwellings in the rear, which the development is consistent with. No controls in place for size and height of domestic storage sheds on the subject land

Does the proposal fit into the existing character of the area? – The character of the area is for dwellings to be located facing the river and sheds to be in the road frontage. The draft BGGSP advocates mixed residential in the area which allows for different types of design and sizes for residential and domestic developments.

Is the proposal consistent with the bulk and character intended by the planning controls? - No controls in place for size and height of domestic storage sheds on the subject land

The DA will also be conditioned to mitigate any potential negative visual impacts.

4. Industrial use of the storage shed leading to extra traffic with negative impacts on road safety.

Officer Comments: The storage shed will be used for residential purposes as stated by the applicant and conditions will be imposed to ensure that. Should the shed be used for

any other purposes e.g. industrial, that will be in contravention of the approval and Council will take the necessary compliance actions.

5. Negative impact on land value

Officer Comments: The land value impact of the development is not a matter for consideration during assessment of a DA.

6. Noise from shed doors

Officer Comments: The objection is not relevant for this application given that are other sheds are located in the area. The noise from the shed doors is not anticipated to be significant enough to affect the amenity of the area.

7. Storage shed to big compared to other sheds in the area

Officer Comments: Shed sizes are assessed on a case by case basis.

Based on the assessment of the application and submissions received as part of the notification process, it is determined that the proposed development is consistent with the *WLEP 2011* and the relevant provisions of Wentworth Development Control Plan 2011.

Refer to Attachment 2 Assessment Report.

Options

Based on the information contained in this report, the options available to address this matter are to:

Approve Development Application 2020/006 subject to conditions

Legal, strategic, financial or policy implications

Should Council issue a determination to the application, the applicant has the right to submit a request for review of the determination to Council under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1987*.

The applicant also has the right to appeal the decision made by Council to the Land and Environment Court pursuant to Section 8.7 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1987*.

Conclusion

Having consideration to the content of this report it is concluded that the appropriate course of action is to approve DA 2020/016 subject to conditions contained within the report.

DA2020/016 STORAGE SHED 50 THE COBB AND CO WAY LOT 61 DP 1071972 GOL GOL**SCHEDULE 1****PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS imposed as per Clause 97(A), 98, 98A and 98B of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000***

1.	The construction of the storage shed must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Building Code of Australia</i> .
2.	A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and (ii) Showing the name of principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and (iii) Stating that unauthorized entry to the work site is prohibited.
3.	Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

GENERAL CONDITIONS imposed as per Section 4.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

4.	The development hereby authorised shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the conditions of this approval and stamped approved plans and Basix Certificate listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Plan by MH² Engineering & Architectural Services; DGR No: MH2 2020-015; Sheet No: 1 of 1; Date: Mar '20 • Floor & Elevation Plans by Mallee Sheds; Quotation No: 252660; Date: 23/01/2020
5.	Approval is for a storage shed.
6.	This consent shall lapse and have no force or effect unless the use or development hereby permitted is physically commenced within 5 years of the date of this consent.
7.	<p>(a) An application for a construction certificate is to be made under Section 4.12 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> and construction certificate(s) issued under Sections 6.3, 6.4(a) and 6.7 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> prior to any work commencing on the building. All work in relation to plans for the construction certificate(s) shall comply with the requirements of the <i>Building Code of Australia</i>, the <i>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act</i>, and regulations, <i>SEPP (Building Sustainability Index) BASIX 2004</i> and the <i>Local Government Act</i> and <i>Regulations</i> thereunder.</p> <p>(b) Application is to be submitted to Council under the <i>Local Government Act NSW 1993</i> and approval given by Council under Section 68 of the <i>Local Government Act NSW 1993</i> prior to any work being carried out to</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Carry out work to connect to a stormwater drainage system.</p>
8.	Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, the proponent must submit a Stormwater Management Plan prepared by a suitably qualified person to Council for approval.

9.	<p>Before works commence, the owner / developer is to lodge with Wentworth Shire Council application for and payment of an Infrastructure Protection Permit and Bond. The amount of the Infrastructure Protection Permit and Bond payable shall be in accordance with Council's Operational Plan Fees & Charges Schedule, based on the payment date. The Infrastructure Bond will be returned on completion of the construction of the proposed development, subject to no damage being done to the road, kerb, nature strip, drains and other services.</p> <p>The owner / developer is to arrange an inspection with an Officer of Wentworth Shire Council before any work commences on site. Any damage incurred to Council infrastructure will be repaired at the owner's / developer's expense and the balance of the Infrastructure Bond will be returned to the owner / developer on completion of the construction.</p>
10.	<p>Subject to approval to commence works two days before any site works, building or demolition begins, the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Forward to Council notice of commencement of work and appointment of Principal Certifying Authority. (b) Notify the adjoining owners that work will commence.
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Before the work is commenced, the Council must be informed in writing of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The name and contractor licence number of the licensee who has been contracted to do the work; or • The name and permit number of the owner/builder who intends to do the work. b) The Council is to be immediately informed in writing of similar details required in the above if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A contract is entered into for the work to be undertaken by a different licensee; or • Arrangements for the completion of the work are otherwise changed.
12.	<p>Any normal building work will be restricted to the following hours in accordance with the NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Monday to Friday, 7.00am and 6.00pm (b) Saturdays, 8.00am to 1.00pm (c) No work is to be carried out on Sundays and public holidays.
13.	<p>A Road Opening Permit is required from the Wentworth Shire Council prior to any works / excavation within the road reserve ie water tapping, sewer, driveway crossings etc. Please contact Councils Roads & Engineering Department on Tel: (03) 5027 5027 to arrange a permit.</p>
14.	<p>Any works undertaken in the subject land including building and filling shall not cause alteration to the previous drainage in the subject land or adjacent land. Any remedies required to discharge drainage water caused to be accumulated by the works associated with this permit shall be the responsibility of the applicant.</p>
15.	<p>All stormwater discharged from the site shall be conveyed by means of underground drains to a legal point of discharge. Any construction works/drainage works should be carried out in a manner that eliminates water ponding i.e. all run off/stormwater should be diverted away from low lying poor surface drainage areas.</p>

16.	All roof water, including overflows from rainwater tanks, if any, is to be collected by gutters and downpipes and discharged to a legal point of discharge.
17.	All plumbing and drainage work are to be carried out by a plumber and drainer, or other authorised person, licensed with the New South Wales Department of Fair Trading.
18.	Throughout the construction period, from commencement of work, a suitable rubbish containment structure is to be located on site and utilized to ensure the construction site is kept clean and safe at all times.
19.	Toilet facilities are to be provided on or in the vicinity of the building site. The toilet must be connected to a public sewer, or if connection to a public sewer is not practicable, an approved chemical closet. The toilet facility must be installed on-site prior to the commencement of any other work.
20.	<p>A temporary hoarding or temporary construction site fence must be erected between the work site and adjoining lands before the works begin and must be kept in place until after the completion of the works if the works:</p> <p>(a) could cause a danger, obstruction or inconvenience to pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or</p> <p>(b) could cause damage to adjoining lands by falling objects, or</p> <p>(c) involve the enclosure of a public place or part of a public place.</p>
21.	Fencing of the allotment, when erected, is to meet Council requirements and standards.
22.	No building works are to encroach over any easements.
23.	The building shall not be occupied or used until an Occupation Certificate is issued either by council or by an accredited certifier.
24.	The proposed storage shed shall be clad in an approved non-reflective material e.g. colorbond.
25.	<p>The north elevation of the storage shed must be clad in a spotted gum material or similar.</p> <p><i>Reason: To reduce visual impact on the streetscape.</i></p>
26.	<p>The beneficiary of this consent shall provide and maintain trees with a minimum height of 5m at maturity on the north boundary of the subject site.</p> <p><i>Reason: To reduce visual impact on the streetscape.</i></p>
27.	The proposed storage shed has building classification of 10a and as such cannot be used for habitation. The storage shed is to be used for domestic purposes only, and any other activities proposed to be undertaken inside the shed shall be subject to a further development application.
28.	<p>If any object having interest due to its age or association with the past is uncovered during the course of the work:</p> <p>(a) All work must stop immediately in that area, and</p> <p>(b) The Office of Environment and Heritage must be advised of the discovery.</p>
29.	<p>If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not further harm the object • Immediately cease all work at the particular location

- Secure the area so as to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object
- Notify the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment as soon as practical on 131555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location
- Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

In the event that skeletal remains are unexpectedly encountered during the activity, work must stop immediately, the area secured to prevent unauthorised access and NSW Police and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment contacted.

REASONS FOR CONDITIONS

- a) To ensure compliance with the terms of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.
- b) To ensure work is sustainable and that an appropriate level of provision of amenities and services occurs within the Shire and to occupants of lots.
- c) To minimise environmental impact and impact on public assets, degradation of natural resources and to enhance amenity.
- d) To provide for a quality environment, safe and efficient movement of people and to ensure public safety and interest.

Attachments

1. DA2020/016 Development Application (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
2. DA2020/016 Development Assessment Officer 4.15 Evaluation Report (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
3. DA2020/016 Applicant Response to Objections (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
4. DA2020/016 Objections Submitted in First Notification (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)
5. DA2020/016 Objections Submitted in Second Notification (Under Separate Cover) [⇒](#)

9.12 PROJECTS AND WORKS REPORT UPDATE - APRIL 2020

File Number: RPT/20/242

Responsible Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Responsible Division: Roads and Engineering

Reporting Officer: Allan Eastmond - Manager Works

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

Summary

This report provides a summary of the major works undertaken by the Roads and Engineering Division which have been completed during the month of April 2020 and the planned works for May 2020.

Recommendation

That Council notes the major works undertaken for April and the proposed works for May 2020.

Detailed Report

During April, the Roads and Engineering Division continued with maintenance grading on identified roads to remove known hazards and improve surface conditions.

Other projects:

Continued carting of water to property owners who do not have access to potable water, the carting will continue until otherwise advised.

May will see major works continuing on the Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant electrical and process upgrade, Wentworth and Dareton Sewer Upgrades and the Wentworth Aerodrome.

Aerodrome Update -

The project is running to schedule with preliminary Drainage construction and clearing and grubbing of the site are underway together with the establishment of survey set out markers.

Safe and Secure Water Funding - Pooncarie Bores

Final works continuing; including the completion of the Raw Water river supply change over works and system testing procedures.

Public Toilets and COVID-19 -

Public toilet cleaning schedule remains the same with contractors instructed to pay extra attention to frequently touched surfaces and include a mixture of bleach with disinfectant for surface cleaning.

Toilets closed to the public are Strother Park and McLeod Oval.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 - Project and Works Update [↓](#)
2. Attachment 2 - Project and Works Photos [↓](#)

Works ongoing during April 2020

- Roads
- Construction on a 500m section of segment 130 Sturt Highway Trentham Rehabilitation. Site established 15 April.
 - Stabilisation of Sub Base layer completed 26 April, and installation of Base Layer Class 1 on schedule for completion 4 May 2020.
 - Palm Island Garden Upgrade Works Wentworth, to commence the second week May. The project scope includes; clearing of the site, installation of new irrigation system, preparation, set out and completion of new plantings

Maintenance Grading

- Due to the rainfall in April Roads and Engineering have scheduled continued maintenance grading to remove known hazards and improve the conditions of the roads on the following roads; Full length grade of - Pooncarie-Menindee, Karpa Kora, Anabranche Mail Road, and Milengay Road, grading also on Nob, Wilkara, Ivanhoe and Lower Darling Road.

Projects Wentworth Aerodrome

- Design submitted to Essential Energy for approval for the electrical infrastructure upgrade.
- The tender documentation for the supply and installation of the aerodrome runway and apron lighting has been advertised with tenders closing 19 May.
- Preliminary drainage works continuing.
- Site office established at entrance to Aerodrome.
- Runway material supply continues and should be completed by end of May 2020.
- Airport operations are now closed for the duration of the upgrade works.

Dareton Sewer Upgrade

- Power poles and infrastructure delivered to site for Golf Course Road pump station upgrade.
- Repair method of defective Namatjira Sewerage Lagoon linings submitted for assessment for works approval to commence in May 2020.

Wentworth Sewer Upgrade

- The third lagoon relining is 80% complete.
- Air valves have been fitted to new main on East side of Pooncarie Road, valves on West side has started to be installed.
- Main on East side of Pooncarie Road being filled with water in readiness for pressure testing.

Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Electrical and Process upgrade

- VSD installed to Switch room now complete.
- Midway switchboard upgrade completed, and the installation of new cabling and telemetry completed.
- Tree trimming and removal completed at Raw Water Pump Station
- Switchboards have arrived and factory acceptance testing currently underway on

the following switchboards: Settled water MCC, Gol Gol East switchboard, Lime room switchboard, PAC dosing switchboard, Filters Switchboard, Balance Tank cabinet and some smaller Local control panels.

- Raw water pump and changes to pipework for new irrigation system completed
- Fire Hydrant concrete pad has been installed.
- Concrete pad for new handrailing has been installed.
- Flocculation mixer installed.

Buronga EDS

- The contractor has put works on hold due to current restrictions with the government restrictions with COVID-19, contractor will review this when restrictions are lifted in 11 May.

Wentworth Riverfront

- Landscape design request for quote (RFQ) has been awarded to Design Well Landscaping and Architecture.
- Aerial survey of the area undertaken by Council.

Buronga Depot (Machinery Shed) Extension

- Construction commenced Thursday 30 April.
- Anticipated completion to lock up 7-10 days.

Safe and Secure Water Funding

Pooncarie Bores;

- EMM Consulting, Hydrogeologist specializing in ground water management has been engaged to undertake testing of Pooncarie Bores
- Multi stage pump testing started on Monday 27 April. Pump water at differing rates for 500 minutes, to determine bores flow rates and water level averages. Conducted for each bore
- 48 hour pump test, started 6:00am Thursday 30 April at raw water pump station bore, to determine life expectancy of bore and determine flow rates for use. To be done for each bore
- A ground management plan and reporting of bores data will be written and lodged with DPI water for Water Access Licensing (WAL) for ongoing use as secondary water systems for Pooncarie Township
- Raw water pump station – River pumps on Darling River were turned on and water restriction lifted Tuesday 21 April (Bores temporarily, turned off).

Toilet Upgrades

Secondary Tiling Works

- Floor tiling has commenced at O'Donnell Park toilets in Curlwaa – scheduled for completion Monday 4 May.
- The remaining tiling locations on track to be completed by mid to late May.
- All tiling works being completed by Tile Centre Mildura.

Painting Works

- COVID-19 has impacted Karym Cleaning Services ability for the painting works, works are now anticipated to be completed by the end of May.

Paint locations remaining

- Short Street – painting completed, internal fit out completed, hand dryer installed.
- Alcheringa Oval – painting completed.
- Gol Gol Cemetery – currently being painted.
- Midway Centre – currently being painted.
- Wetlands – scheduled to be painted.

Darling Street

- Demolition works are currently underway.

Wentworth & Dareton Pool Tiling

- Request for quote (RFQ) closing date has been extended to Monday 4 May, with works to commence following assessment and awarding of tender.

Willow Bend Caravan Park Upgrade

- Works involve the upgrade of the existing Essential Energy high voltage power supply at the caravan park. This works will involve a level 3 Accredited Service Provider to undertake the design works for approval by Essential Energy. The works have been awarded to Vertex Power and Process.
- A new, larger transformer will also be installed in the process to cater for the proposed demand.

Stronger Country Communities Grant Funded Projects

Curlwaa Hall

- Entrance and car parking area completed.
- Irrigation modification completed.
- Certificates of Practical Completion issued to both CPM Building Contractors and Mallee Sheds certifying works have been completed to satisfaction. The building will now enter into 12-month maintenance period.
- Formal opening to be considered in due course.

Barrett Pavilion

- Minor structural engineering design changes required to ensure bracing of the structure can be sufficient without impacting on window locations
- Further rain delays encountered in past month
- Majority of underground service complete including full septic system
- All framework complete, door jams and window frames placed
- Safety mesh placed across the whole roof, ready for the placement of insulation
- Post holes completed for veranda columns.

George Gordon Netball Courts

- Light poles and fittings erected early April, with plans to make final alignment adjustments when the lux readings are undertaken. The lux readings have been pushed back due to interstate travel restrictions.
- Stormwater main and outlet installation completed.
- Bluestone crusher dust has been installed around court perimeter.
- Chain mesh fence posts and top chords installed end of April.
- Player boxes and seating, infrastructure ordered with delivery anticipated for May
- Anticipated completion of project May 2020.

Wentworth Sporting Complex

- Final pavement layer has been placed and compacted
- Class 4 Road base installed with compaction tests undertaken.
- Works scheduled for completion in May by Oasis Unmatched.

Works ongoing during May 2020

- Roads
- Reconstruction of Seg 130 Sturt Highway Trentham to be completed and primer sealed second week May.

Maintenance Grading

- Due to the continuous rainfall Roads and Engineering have scheduled continued maintenance grading to remove known hazards and improve the conditions of the roads on the following roads; Rufus River, Renmark and Tooperoopna Road.

Projects

Wentworth Aerodrome

- Earthworks construction to commence second week May.
- The installation of drainage culverts to commence third week of May 2020.
- Installation of Runway Lighting Duct Banks to commence last week of May 2020.
- Runway material supply continuing and due to be completed by end May 2020.

Dareton Sewer Upgrade

- Works to commence on rectification of lagoon liners.
- Continuation of power upgrade works for Golf Course Road pump station.

Wentworth Sewer Upgrade

- Begin installation of new pumps and switchboard upgrade at SPS 1
- Finalise works on third lagoon
- Complete pressure testing on East main and sections of west side main
- Complete crossing of Silver City Highway with under road bore.

Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant Electrical and Process upgrade

- Commence modifications to Raw Water Pump Station switch room.
- Commence installation of Balance tank drainage and telemetry mast.
- Complete modifications to storm water drainage at Inlet works area
- Complete Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) of switchboards
- Lagoon 2 refurbishment – start cleaning out of lagoon, in readiness for new liner.

Buronga EDS

- COVID-19 restrictions are set to be lifted 11 May, the contractor will review works schedule then and notify Council.

Buronga Riverfront

- Detailed design of landscape area to be advertised May.
- Walking and cycling tracks to be advertised May.

Buronga Shed Extension

- Continuation of works, expected completing end of May.

Toilet Upgrades

Paint locations remaining scheduled to commence May

- Coomealla Cemetery – scheduled to be painted.
- O'Donnell Park – scheduled to be painted.
- McLeod Oval – scheduled to be painted.

James King Park

- Contractor experienced some supply issues from suppliers due to COVID-19, Expected project completion third week May.

Darling Street

- Demolition works are to be completed end of May.

Wentworth & Dareton Pool Tiling

- RFQ closing date closes Monday 4 May 2020.
- Evaluation of RFQ to be done and contractor awarded mid-May.

Willow Bend Caravan Park Upgrade

- Stage 2 design works are scheduled to begin mid-May. Works are to include the installation of three switchboards, underground low voltage supply mains through the caravan park along the levee bank, and a temporary supply main (also underground) to the existing metering pole.

Stronger Country Communities Grant Funded Projects

Barrett Pavilion

- Installation of insulation in roofing to commence early May.
- Sheet roofing and wall cladding to commence following installation of approved insulation blanket.

George Gordon Netball Courts

- Installation of concrete pads together with player boxes and seating to be completed in May.
- Shade structure to be ordered early May.
- Bollards to be installed.
- Concrete path between courts and synthetic turf to be installed.
- Remaining fence works to be completed by May.

Wentworth Sporting Complex

- Stone layer to be installed during May.
- Ditch walls to be repaired and reconstructed throughout May.
- The synthetic turf installation completed.

Project Update – Photos



Image 1 & 2 – Sturt Highway Reconstruction - Segment 130 Trentham



Image 3 & 4 – Sturt Highway Reconstruction - Segment 130 - Earthworks and installation of drainage pipe



Image 5 – Wentworth Aerodrome – Demolition of existing Drainage



Image 6 – Wentworth Aerodrome – Stockpile Site Class 3 material for runway



Image 7 – Wentworth Aerodrome – Aerial photo prior to works commencing



Image 8 & 9 – Toilet Amenities – Short Street and Alcheringa Oval



Image 10 & 11 – Pooncarie Bore Upgrade Pump Testing



Image 12 – Wentworth Riverfront (Wharf) Aerial Survey



Image 13 – Wentworth Riverfront aerial view



Image 13 – Wentworth Sporting Complex – bowling green



Image 14 – Gol Gol Water Treatment Plant – VSD and switchboard installation

10 NOTICES OF MOTIONS / QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Despite the right of members of the public to attend meetings of a council, the council may choose to close to the public, parts of the meeting that involve the discussion or receipt of certain matters as prescribed under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.

With the exception of matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors) (10A(2)(a)), matters involving the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer (10A(2)(b)) or matters that would disclose a trade secret (10A(2)(d)(iii)), council must be satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

The Act requires council to close the meeting formonly so much of the discussion as is necessary to preserve the relevant confidentiality, privilege or security being protected. (section 10B(1)(a))

Section 10A(4) of the Act provides that a council may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed to the public, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

Section 10B(4) of the Act stipulates that for the purpose of determining whether the discussion of a matter in an open meeting would be contrary to the public interest, it is irrelevant that:-

- (a) a person may misinterpret or misunderstand the discussion, or
- (b) the discussion of the matter may -
 - (i) cause embarrassment to the council or committee concerned, or to councillors or to employees of the council, or
 - (ii) cause a loss of confidence in the council or committee.

Recommendation

That Council adjourns into Closed Session, that the livestream of the meeting be discontinued, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution.

This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-.

Procurement of Road Base Materials for Transport for NSW Ordered Works. (RPT/20/287)

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information about the item outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making.

12 OPEN COUNCIL - REPORT FROM CLOSED COUNCIL

12.1 PROCUREMENT OF ROAD BASE MATERIALS FOR TRANSPORT FOR NSW ORDERED WORKS

File Number: RPT/20/287

Responsible Officer: Ken Ross - General Manager
 Responsible Division: Office of the General Manager
 Reporting Officer: Geoff Gunn - Director Roads and Engineering

Objective: 4.0 Wentworth is a caring, supportive and inclusive community that is informed and engaged in its future

Strategy: 4.1 Provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning, decision-making and service delivery

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

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13 CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

NEXT MEETING

24 June 2020